Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

ORDINANCE 2022-568-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,252.00 (\$6,216.00 FROM THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH AND \$1,036.00 FROM THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH) TO THE NPDES PERMIT SERVICES - BEACHES ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ENHANCED MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY FOR THE CITIES OF ATLANTIC BEACH, NEPTUNE BEACH, AND JACKSONVILLE, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 22-090; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

- (B.T. 22-090 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)
 - (a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 22-090

\$7,252.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 22-090

\$7,252.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of \$6,216.00 from the City of Atlantic Beach and \$1,036.00 from the City of Neptune Beach to the NPDES Permit Services - Beaches

Account for water quality monitoring and assessment.

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Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding for enhanced monitoring and assessment of water quality for the cities of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach. These cities are co-permittees with the city of Jacksonville under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the "NPDES Permit"). For several decades, Jacksonville's Environmental Quality Division has conducted surface water quality monitoring countywide, providing historical support for the beaches meeting former NPDES Permit requirements. The co-permittees for the NPDES Permit approved the concept of intergovernmental cooperation to more effectively manage stormwater runoff and to continue meeting the NPDES In 2018, the cities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach requirements. and Jacksonville established relationships and responsibilities for the funding, implementation, and operation and maintenance of a Water Quality Monitoring Plan of the Assessment Program to meet the NPDES Permit requirements by entering into an Interlocal Agreement as authorized by Ordinance 2018-112-E (the "Agreement") for a five-year Pursuant to the Agreement, the city of Jacksonville is responsible to develop, implement, and administer an assessment program as required by the NPDES Permit in each of the three cities. This includes managing staff, maintaining equipment, performing necessary field quality assurance protocols, collection of samples, and compiling, reviewing and reporting data. This appropriation encompasses the annual payment due to the city of Jacksonville from the cities of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach for the provision of these services.

Section 3. Oversight. The Environmental Quality Division of the Neighborhoods Department shall provide oversight of the project described herein.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become 1 Section 4. 2 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective 3 without the Mayor's signature. 4 5 Form Approved: 6 7 Office of General Counsel 8 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos 9

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