

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-333**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE  
6 DRAINAGE STUDY; AMENDING THE 2023-2027 FIVE-YEAR  
7 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE  
8 2022-505-E TO MOVE THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE DRAINAGE  
9 STUDY FROM BEYOND FIVE YEARS TO FISCAL YEAR  
10 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS,** the Riverside area experiences frequent flooding each  
13 year during heavy rain events and tidal surges which causes persistent  
14 roadbed deterioration on Riverside Avenue, Osceola Street, and  
15 Stockton Street; and

16 **WHEREAS,** there are plans to conduct a study in Riverside to  
17 evaluate drainage in the area to identify potential solutions to  
18 address this persistent flooding; and

19 **WHEREAS,** this study is included in the City's Five-Year Capital  
20 Improvement Plan ("CIP") as the "Riverside Avenue Drainage Study"  
21 project (the "Project") with an estimated completion date beyond the  
22 immediate five-year plan in Fiscal Year 2028-2029; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the City's Chief Resiliency Officer ("CRO") is  
24 currently undertaking a more global resiliency study to identify  
25 drainage, flooding, and other resiliency concerns throughout  
26 Jacksonville, and it is expected that this study may identify  
27 particular issues of concern in the Riverside area to help narrow the  
28 scope of the Project such that it might provide more effective and  
29 direct alternatives to address flooding in Riverside; and

30 **WHEREAS,** the Council desires to shift the timeline for the  
31 Project by moving it forward in the CIP to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to

1 allow time for the CRO's study to be completed and analyzed for any  
2 impacts it may have on developing an appropriate scope for the Project  
3 while also avoiding an extended delay for this important study to be  
4 initiated and completed; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance  
7 2022-505-E, adopting the 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
8 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is  
9 hereby amended to move the Riverside Avenue Drainage Study project  
10 from beyond five years to now occur in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as more  
11 fully described in the Project Information Sheet attached hereto as  
12 **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council  
13 finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next  
14 annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests  
15 of the community because such deferral would fail to demonstrate the  
16 importance of addressing the drainage issues along Riverside Avenue.  
17 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of this  
18 Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the City  
19 Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP amendment  
20 set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute an  
21 amendment to Ordinance 2022-505-E. In all other respects, the Five-  
22 Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2022-505-E shall  
23 remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

24 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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