

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and amended by the Rules
2 Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2023-672-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
7 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
8 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AMENDMENT TO
9 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT AGREEMENT
10 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND LIFT JAX,
11 INC. TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO
12 EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2024; WAIVING THE
13 REQUIREMENT IN ORDINANCE 2021-516-E THAT GRANT
14 FUNDS BE EXPENDED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023;
15 PROVIDING FOR CONTINUED OVERSIGHT BY THE
16 NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
17 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **WHEREAS,** Ordinance 2021-516-E appropriated \$3,000,000 received
20 by the City through the American Rescue Plan Act to LIFT JAX, Inc.
21 for the Eastside Affordable Housing Development program (the
22 "Program") to support the revitalization of Jacksonville's Eastside
23 neighborhood; and

24 **WHEREAS,** upon approval of this appropriation for the Program,
25 the City of Jacksonville entered into a grant agreement with LIFT
26 JAX, Inc. (the "Grant Agreement") providing the terms and conditions
27 for expenditure of the grant funds with a term commencing on June 21,
28 2022 and expiring on September 30, 2023; and

29 **WHEREAS,** one of the Program objectives provided for the
30 acquisition of blighted apartments for the purpose of rehabilitating
31 or replacing the units with quality housing; and

1 **WHEREAS,** LIFT JAX, Inc. desires to use the remaining grant
2 funds to partner with the Jacksonville Housing Authority who will
3 purchase and rehabilitate the Downtown East Apartments (formerly
4 known as "Franklin Arms"); and

5 **WHEREAS,** LIFT JAX, Inc. has requested an extension to the Grant
6 Agreement through January 31, 2024 to allow additional time to close
7 on the Downtown East Apartments property; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
10 **Amendment to Grant Agreement.** There is hereby approved, and the
11 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
12 authorized to execute and deliver an amendment to the American Rescue
13 Plan Act Grant Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and LIFT
14 JAX, Inc. (City Contract #71917-22), a copy of which has been placed
15 **On File** with the Legislative Services Division, to extend the term
16 of the Grant Agreement to January 31, 2024, and to extend the date
17 by which the remaining grant funds must be expended to January 31,
18 2024, with all other terms and conditions remaining unchanged. The
19 contract extension will be retroactive to October 1, 2023 to ensure
20 there is no lapse in the contract term.

21 **Section 2. Waiving Requirement in Ordinance 2021-516-E that**
22 **Grant Funds be Expended by September 30, 2023.** Section 4 of Ordinance
23 2021-516-E required that the funds appropriated by that Ordinance be
24 expended before September 30, 2023. That provision is hereby waived
25 to allow LIFT JAX, Inc. until January 31, 2024 to expend the remaining
26 grant funds appropriated for the Program. Except as expressly waived
27 herein, all other requirements, restrictions and obligations outlined
28 in Ordinance 2021-516-E shall remain in full force and effect.

29 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Neighborhoods Department shall
30 continue to oversee the Grant Agreement described herein.

31 **Section 4. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**

1 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
2 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that LIFT
3 JAX, Inc. desires to utilize the remaining American Rescue Plan Act
4 grant funds appropriated pursuant to 2021-516-E to partner with the
5 Jacksonville Housing Authority who will acquire the Downtown East
6 Apartments (formerly known as "Franklin Arms") and will require
7 additional time to close on the property.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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