

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro and Salem and amended by the
3 Rules Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-107-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
8 APPROPRIATING \$3,500,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL
9 FUND - PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNT TO JACKSONVILLE
10 UNIVERSITY TO OFFSET OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR
11 THE RELOCATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY
12 COLLEGE OF LAW, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-058;
13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
14 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN
15 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
16 JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
17 CERTAIN EXPENSES RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF
18 THE JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW;
19 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
20 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
21 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER
22 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A
23 DIRECT CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY;
24 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF
25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
26 DATE.
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28 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

29 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
30 found, and declared that the authorizations provided by this Ordinance
31 are for public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers

1 as a county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State
2 of Florida to expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
3 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
4 matter of legislative determination.

5 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
6 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
7 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
8 listed in subsection (b):

9 (B.T. 24-058, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein
10 by this reference)

11 (a) Appropriated from:

12 See B.T. 24-058 \$3,500,000.00

13 (b) Appropriated to:

14 See B.T. 24-058 \$3,500,000.00

15 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

16 The funding above represents an appropriation of
17 \$3,500,000.00 from the General Fund - Property Taxes
18 account to General Fund - Subsidies and Contributions to
19 Private Organizations.

20 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
21 Section 2 is to appropriate funds to pay for costs associated with
22 the operation and relocation of the Jacksonville University College
23 of Law to a new facility including, but not limited to, any lease or
24 loan payments associated with the facilities, staff payroll and
25 overhead expenses, and professional expenses related to the design,
26 occupancy, use, and operation of the new facility.

27 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
28 **Agreement Between the City and Jacksonville University ("JU").** The
29 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
30 authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver, for and on behalf of
31 the City, a funding agreement with JU in an amount not-to-exceed

1 \$3,500,000 for the operation of the Jacksonville University College
2 of Law to be relocated in downtown Jacksonville, consistent with the
3 term sheet attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised
4 Exhibit 2, Rev Term Sheet, March 18, 2024 - Rules" and incorporated
5 herein by this reference, and all other contracts, memorandums of
6 understanding and documents, including extensions, renewals or
7 amendments thereto, and to otherwise take all action necessary to
8 effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal
9 review and approval by the Office of General Counsel and the City's
10 Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
11 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
12 *Ordinance Code*.

13 **Section 5. Waiving Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive**
14 **funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1**
15 **(General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code.** The
16 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
17 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
18 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
19 for a direct contract between the City of Jacksonville and JU. JU is
20 a non-profit organization and has established a new College of Law
21 in downtown Jacksonville. The City finds that this direct contract
22 is justified because JU intends to make a significant investment in
23 downtown Jacksonville as it grows and moves to its new location and
24 the College of Law will meet a pressing need for quality legal
25 education in northeast Florida.

26 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Office of Economic
27 Development shall oversee the Agreement and the project described
28 herein.

29 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 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: Joelle J. Dillard

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