

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Clark-Murray:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-364-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AVAILABLE ALL YEARS
7 REVENUE AND REALLOCATING THE REMAINING BALANCE
8 FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS WITHIN THE NORTHWEST
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND AS FOLLOWS: (1)
10 \$200,000.00 TO THE FAILING NON-RESIDENTIAL
11 SEPTIC TANK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AND SEWER
12 CONNECTION PROGRAM (THE "SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM"),
13 COMPRISED OF \$80,250.00 FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS
14 AND \$119,750.00 FROM ALL YEARS REVENUE, (2)
15 \$5,767.00 FROM ALL YEARS REVENUE TO THE MOBILE
16 MARKETS PROGRAM, AND (3) \$665,650.26 FROM ALL
17 YEARS REVENUE TO THE NORTHWEST JEDC FUND
18 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, AND CLEANING UP FUND
19 BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ALL YEARS FUND, AS
20 INITIATED BY B.T. 24-087; AMENDING THE SEPTIC
21 TANK PROGRAM GRANT PROCESS; AUTHORIZING THE
22 GENERAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT IN
23 ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM
24 GRANT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT OF
25 THE SEPTIC TANK PROGRAM AND GRANT PROCESS BY THE
26 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE OFFICE OF
27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
28 DATE.

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30 **WHEREAS**, in order to protect the environment and ensure that
31 wastewater is treated properly, installing a proper septic system

1 from the onset is crucial; and

2 **WHEREAS**, to aid with the cost, as well as promoting
3 environmentally secure septic systems while awaiting public sewer, a
4 number of government, state and local agencies offer grants to help
5 install new septic systems or repair existing ones; and

6 **WHEREAS**, grant money is awarded for specific need, in this
7 case to install or improve septic systems and sewer connections, and
8 progress will likely need to be monitored and recorded for the grants;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, eligible projects may include repair or replacement
11 of septic tanks and drain fields and connection to sewer for
12 businesses whose systems are in failure as determined by septic tank
13 contractors, certified plumbers or by other qualified persons as per
14 subsection 64E-6.004(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development
16 ("NWJED") funds are intended to improve the economy within the area
17 boundaries; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the lack of infrastructure and strategic planning to
19 provide infrastructure causes businesses to move outside of the area,
20 thereby depleting the economy of the area; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Council in Ordinance 2018-196-E enacted a grant
22 process and established criteria for the Northwest Jacksonville
23 Economic Development area entitled the "Failing Non-residential
24 Septic Grant Process" which process was subsequently amended by
25 Ordinance 2021-385-E and which set forth certain grant criteria and
26 maximum grant amounts; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
29 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
30 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
31 listed in subsection (b):

1 (B.T. 24-087 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
2 this reference)

3 (a) Appropriated from:

4 See B.T. 24-087 \$871,417.26

5 (b) Appropriated to:

6 See B.T. 24-087 \$871,417.26

7 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

8 The appropriation above is appropriating available all
9 years revenue balance and reallocating the balance from
10 completed projects within the Northwest Economic
11 Development Fund, as follows: (1) \$200,000.00 to the Septic
12 Tank and Sewer Connection - Miscellaneous Grants and Aids
13 account, comprised of \$80,250.00 from completed projects
14 and \$119,750.00 from all years revenue, (2) \$5,767.00 from
15 all years revenue to the Mobile Markets Program -
16 Contingency account, and (3) \$665,650.26 from all years
17 revenue to the Northwest JEDC Fund - Contingency account.
18 This appropriation also removes the fund balance
19 appropriations in the all years fund.

20 **Section 2. Purpose of Appropriation.** The purpose of the
21 appropriation above is to provide funding to various NWJED programs
22 including the Septic Tank Program and allocate all years revenue to
23 contingency.

24 **Section 3. Amending the Grant Process and Amounts.** The
25 amended Septic Tank Program grant process, including amended criteria
26 and increased grant amounts, for the repair and replacement of non
27 residential properties septic tanks and sewer connection are adopted
28 as set forth in the "Failing Non-residential Septic Tank
29 Repair/Replacement and Sewer Connection Program Grant Process"
30 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

31 **Section 4. Authorizing the General Counsel to prepare**

1 **Agreements in accordance with the Failing Non-residential Septic Tank**
2 **Repair/Replacement and Sewer Connection Program Grant Process.** The
3 Office of General Counsel is authorized to prepare agreements between
4 the grant recipients and the City of Jacksonville in compliance with
5 Failing Non-residential Septic Tank Repair/Replacement and Sewer
6 Connection Program Grant Process and the grant criteria contained
7 therein, as set forth in **Exhibit 2.**

8 **Section 5. Bi-Annual Report.** The Office of Economic
9 Development shall continue to make a report bi-annually (twice yearly)
10 to the City Council concerning the use of the NWJED funds for the
11 Septic Tank Program, including the grant recipient, address and amount
12 of the grant and status of the grant for each application.

13 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Public
14 Works shall provide oversight for the review of the completed septic
15 tank installation and repair and connection to sewer, if any, and the
16 Office of Economic Development shall provide oversight of the grant
17 application process and Septic Tank Program.

18 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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