

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-635**

5 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JACKSONVILLE
6 JOURNEY FORWARD, A PUBLIC BODY AND INDEPENDENT
7 BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE WITH THE
8 COMPREHENSIVE MISSION OF REDUCING FACTORS
9 CONTRIBUTING TO CRIME IN DUVAL COUNTY AND MAKING
10 DUVAL COUNTY A SAFER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE
11 COMMUNITY BY ALIGNING ALL CITY AGENCIES,
12 PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES AFFECTING CRIME
13 REDUCTION AND FOSTERING AN INTEGRATIVE,
14 COLLABORATIVE, AND INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY AND
15 COUNTY-WIDE SOLUTION BASED APPROACH TO CRIME
16 REDUCTION; CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 85
17 (JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
18 AMENDING SECTION 24.601 (ESTABLISHMENT;
19 FUNCTIONS), PART 6 (GRANTS AND CONTRACT
20 COMPLIANCE DIVISION), CHAPTER 24 (FINANCE
21 DEPARTMENT), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING SECTION
22 28.103 (POWERS; FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF
23 DIRECTOR), PART 1 (GENERAL), CHAPTER 28 (PARKS,
24 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES), *ORDINANCE*
25 *CODE*; AMENDING SECTION 34.801 (NEIGHBORHOOD
26 SERVICES OFFICE FUNCTIONS), PART 8 (NEIGHBORHOOD
27 SERVICES OFFICE), CHAPTER 34 (NEIGHBORHOODS
28 DEPARTMENT), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING SECTIONS
29 77.107 (ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORIES), 77.111
30 (CONTRACTS; CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION;
31 CARRYOVER), AND 77.115 (INTRA-AGENCY LIAISON

1 RELATIONSHIPS ESTABLISHED), CHAPTER 77 (KIDS
2 HOPE ALLIANCE), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING SECTION
3 90.102 (AUTHORITY OF BOARD), CHAPTER 90 (BOARD
4 OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING
5 SECTION 111.330 (RESERVED), PART 3 (PUBLIC
6 SAFETY AND COURTS), CHAPTER 111 (SPECIAL REVENUE
7 AND TRUST ACCOUNTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING
8 SECTION 126.506 (REPORTING), PART 5 (EX-OFFENDER
9 PROGRAM), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
10 *ORDINANCE CODE*; CREATING A NEW SECTION 126.507
11 (JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD PROGRAM REVIEW),
12 PART 5 (EX-OFFENDER PROGRAM, CHAPTER 126
13 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROHIBITING
14 JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD FROM SERVING AS A
15 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD; ESTABLISHING A
16 PROSPECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, FOR CODE
17 AMENDMENTS AND NEW PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS
18 ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING FOR
19 CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 **WHEREAS**, Article 3 of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville
22 (hereinafter "Charter") requires the City to be responsible for good
23 government and the health, safety, and welfare of the people; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Jacksonville Journey was established under
25 Mayor John Peyton to address the unacceptable number of violent
26 crimes, and through the Jacksonville Journey the City convened its
27 leaders and community stakeholders, public and private, to
28 collaborate and work together to find solutions and invest increased
29 human resources and money to identify and address factors that
30 contribute to crime; and

1 **WHEREAS**, following the implementation of the Jacksonville
2 Journey and substantial funding of crime reduction programs and
3 accountability for administering those programs, there was a
4 significant reduction in the violent crime rate from 2011 through
5 2016 until funding for Jacksonville Journey programs was reduced or
6 eliminated; and

7 **WHEREAS**, police authorities, including prior sheriffs of Duval
8 County, have expressed that enforcement joined with City and community
9 stakeholder support is the best way to reach our shared goal of
10 ensuring the highest level of safety possible; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor desires to undertake executive actions and
12 create necessary entities to identify, reduce and eliminate factors
13 contributing to crime; coordinate with and support the Sheriff of
14 Duval County to assure the continued reduction of violent crime;
15 build on recent successes to assure Jacksonville is a safe and healthy
16 place to live and work; and erase the negative perception of
17 Jacksonville's crime rate; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to taking all necessary steps to
19 reduce the contributing factors that lead to violent crime in the
20 City, reestablish the Jacksonville Journey as "Jacksonville Journey
21 Forward," reconvene community leaders and stakeholders to address
22 those factors and circumstances that contribute to crime, use the
23 collective power of the community to eliminate or reduce those factors
24 contributing to crime, and sustain the commitment to all Jacksonville
25 residents, neighborhoods and businesses that the City of Jacksonville
26 is a safe place to live and work without fear of violent crime; now
27 therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and
30 correct and incorporated herein by reference.

31 **Section 2. Creating a new Chapter 85 (Jacksonville Journey**

1 **Forward), Ordinance Code.** A new Chapter 85 (Jacksonville Journey
2 Forward), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

3 **CHAPTER 85 - JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD**

4 **Sec. 85.101. - Legislative intent.**

5 It is the intent of the Council to establish a public body and
6 independent board of the City with the comprehensive mission of
7 reducing the social factors that contribute to crime in Duval County
8 and making Duval County a safer and more productive community by
9 aligning all City agencies, programs, and resources affecting crime
10 reduction and fostering an integrative, collaborative, and
11 innovative county and community-wide solution-based approach to
12 reducing crime. In executing its mission this community-based
13 independent board shall work in collaboration with the Jacksonville
14 Sheriff's Office but without exercising oversight, governance, or
15 control of its operations and initiatives.

16 **Sec. 85.102. - Legislative findings and declaration.**

17 The Council finds and declares that:

18 (1) Violent crimes, juvenile delinquency, gang affiliation and
19 family disruption continue to impact the City to the City's moral,
20 economic, social, and academic detriment; and

21 (2) In 2009, the Jacksonville Journey was established to address
22 the unacceptable number of violent crimes and high crime rate in
23 Duval County and find solutions and invest increased resources to
24 identify and address factors that contribute to crime; and

25 (3) Following the implementation of the Jacksonville Journey and
26 substantial funding of crime reduction programs and accountability
27 for administration of those programs, the City of Jacksonville
28 experienced a significant reduction in the violent crime rate from
29 2011 through 2016 until funding for the Jacksonville Journey was
30 reduced substantially; and

31 (4) Recently, due to the efforts of the Sheriff of Duval County,

1 the violent crime rate has decreased and the City of Jacksonville is
2 committed to working with the Sheriff to assure the improvement in
3 public safety continues and all necessary steps are taken to resolve
4 and eliminate the factors contributing to violent crime in the City;
5 and

6 (5) The City of Jacksonville should reestablish the Jacksonville
7 Journey as the "Jacksonville Journey Forward," reconvene community
8 stakeholders and leaders to address those factors and circumstances
9 that contribute to crime, use the collective power of the community
10 to resolve those factors contributing to crime, and sustain a
11 commitment to assure all Jacksonville residents, neighborhoods and
12 businesses that the City will provide a safe place to live and work;
13 and

14 (6) The provisions of this Section are found and declared by the
15 Council to be a public purpose and in the best interest of the public.

16 **Sec. 85.103. - Jacksonville Journey Forward established.**

17 There is hereby established a public body to be known as the
18 Jacksonville Journey Forward, which shall exist as a board within the
19 executive branch of the consolidated government. The Jacksonville
20 Journey Forward ("JF" or "Jacksonville Forward") shall be responsible
21 for reviewing and making recommendations regarding community-based
22 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors
23 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation,
24 neighborhood safety and stability, and prevention of juvenile and
25 adult recidivism ("JF Related Programs"). JF shall also serve as a
26 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,
27 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to
28 establish a community-based Citywide plan and alignment of all
29 resources to reduce factors contributing to crime and improve public
30 safety. JF is authorized to preserve and register its name and
31 taglines on behalf of the City as to any logos, trademarks,

1 copyrights, or other intellectual property rights.

2 **Sec. 85.104. - Territorial jurisdiction.**

3 The Jacksonville Journey Forward may review and make recommendations
4 regarding JF Related Programs throughout the General Services
5 District. The City is exercising its powers as a County in the
6 enactment of this Chapter under the authority contained in Section
7 3.01 of the Charter.

8 **Sec. 85.105. - Membership, organization, and meetings.**

9 (a) *Membership; qualifications.* The Jacksonville Journey Forward
10 Board shall consist of eleven members each appointed by the Mayor and
11 confirmed by Council, with the Sheriff of Duval County and the State
12 Attorney each to recommend for consideration by the Mayor one board
13 member seat for a total of two recommended Board seats. Members
14 shall be permanent residents of Duval County or maintain a substantial
15 economic or substantial philanthropic interest in Duval County in
16 accordance with Chapter 50 of the Code. To the extent feasible and
17 preferred, but not required, member appointments to serve on the JF
18 board shall include individuals with experience in one or more of
19 the following areas: public health, education, workforce
20 development, contract and compliance, afterschool/camp operations,
21 juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention,
22 ex-offender re-entry programs, and community engagement.

23 (b) *Term of office and appointment.* Members shall serve staggered
24 four-year terms or until their qualified successors have been
25 appointed and confirmed. No member may serve more than two consecutive
26 terms. Of the eleven persons selected to initially serve on the Board,
27 three members shall serve initial terms of two years, four members
28 shall serve initial terms of three years, and four members shall
29 serve initial terms of four years. Partial terms shall be governed
30 in accordance with Chapter 50 of the Code.

31 (c) *Removal.* Members may be removed or replaced by the Mayor at any

1 time with or without cause with a majority vote of the Council.

2 (d) *Vacancy.* If a member shall cease to be qualified for membership
3 under the provisions of this Chapter while in office, then the
4 member's term shall automatically expire and the office shall be
5 vacant for purposes of appointing a new member. Each member vacancy
6 shall be filled for the remainder of the respective member's unexpired
7 term.

8 (e) *Organization and proceedings.*

9 (1) *Rules of procedure.* The Mayor shall appoint the initial
10 Board chair from among JF members to serve for a term commencing on
11 the day of the appointment and ending on June 30, 2026. Thereafter,
12 the chair shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board to serve
13 for a one-year term, commencing on July 1 of each year. A board
14 member may serve as chair for no more than three consecutive terms.
15 The Board shall establish rules of procedure necessary to govern and
16 conduct its affairs under this Chapter. Unless otherwise provided in
17 this Chapter, the Board's rules and procedures shall be consistent
18 with applicable provisions of the Ordinance Code.

19 (2) *Meetings.* All Board meetings, including, but not limited to,
20 committee meetings, shall be open to the public and compliant with
21 Florida's Open Meetings Law under Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, as
22 may be amended.

23 (f) *Quorum and voting.*

24 (1) *Quorum.* The greater of (i) five members or (ii) a majority
25 of the membership of the board excluding vacant seats shall constitute
26 a quorum for the purpose of meetings and transacting business.

27 (2) *Voting.* Decisions and recommendations of the board shall
28 require a concurring vote of a majority of the members present.

29 (g) *Notice.* The Board shall ensure that reasonable notice of Board
30 meetings is given to the public in compliance with Florida's Open
31 Meetings Law under Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

1 (h) *Compensation*. Members shall serve without compensation, pension,
2 or retirement benefits; however, members may be reimbursed for travel
3 and other expenses consistent with Chapter 106, Part 7, *Ordinance*
4 *Code*.

5 (i) *Sheriff Liaison*. The Sheriff shall designate a liaison from the
6 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to attend Board meetings ("Sheriff
7 Liaison"). The Sheriff Liaison shall not be considered a voting
8 member of the Board for purposes of Florida's Open Meetings Law.

9 **Sec. 85.106. - Community Based Crime Reduction and Stakeholder**
10 **Meeting; Community Based Strategic Plan required.**

11 (a) *Community Based Crime Reduction and Stakeholder Meeting*. The
12 Board shall convene and engage community leaders and stakeholders,
13 including, but not limited to elected and appointed officials, City
14 agencies, offices, departments, independent agencies, private
15 agencies, public agencies, residents, and non-profit agencies to
16 assist the Board with developing and implementing a community-based
17 plan to reduce and eliminate factors contributing to crime reduction
18 for the City (the "Community-based Plan" or "Plan").

19 (b) *Plan components*. After convening and engaging community leaders
20 and stakeholders in accordance with subsection (a) above, the Board
21 shall develop and implement the Plan, which shall include immediate
22 and long-term actions and goals related to crime reduction and public
23 safety. The Plan shall identify its specific community engagement
24 process and program performance metrics. The Plan shall at a minimum
25 include information, directives, and goals regarding the following
26 areas:

- 27 i. Community-based crime prevention, intervention,
28 deterrence, and rehabilitation;
- 29 ii. Family resources and engagement;
- 30 iii. Ex-offender programs;
- 31 iv. Neighborhood safety and stability;

- 1 v. Public and private community partnerships;
- 2 vi. Program performance metrics (short and long-term);
- 3 vii. Use of best practices and models; and
- 4 viii. Contributing factors of crime (e.g., education, mental
- 5 health, literacy, physical health, workforce training, and
- 6 positive youth development).

7 The Plan shall also include strategic efforts to unite and mobilize
8 the City to reduce factors contributing to crime and improve safety
9 of all citizens; establish roles, responsibilities and expected
10 outcomes; measure and oversee accountability to meet expected
11 outcomes; modify actions and goals as necessary to achieve maximum
12 effectiveness; and maintain a sustained focus to maximize results.

13 *(c) Plan development and approval.* JF shall develop, oversee, manage,
14 and implement the Plan consistent with this Chapter. JF shall develop
15 the Plan in conjunction with and utilizing the multidisciplinary
16 experts available in the City and elsewhere. The Plan shall be
17 approved and adopted by the Board and, thereafter, updated and amended
18 by the Board as needed. The Plan shall detail the comprehensive
19 approach to community-based crime prevention, intervention, and
20 rehabilitation, and neighborhood safety and stability. The Board
21 shall provide the Council Secretary and the agencies listed in Section
22 85.111 with a copy of the adopted Plan. In addition to the Plan
23 areas listed in subsections (i)-(viii) above, the Board may include
24 such other elements, directives, or guiding principles in the Plan
25 as determined by the Board to be necessary and consistent with this
26 Chapter.

27 *(d) Reports.*

28 *(i) Report on community initiatives.* The Board may request
29 philanthropic and research organizations to report on recently
30 commissioned research and trends they have identified and
31 outcomes they are monitoring regarding factors contributing to

1 crime prevention, intervention, rehabilitation, and
2 neighborhood safety and stability.

3 (ii) *Report Requirement.* JF shall provide to the Mayor and
4 Council an initial annual written report on or before December 31,
5 2025, for the prior fiscal year. Thereafter, JF shall provide an
6 annual report on or before December 31st of each fiscal year for the
7 prior fiscal year. The annual report shall at a minimum report on
8 JF's progress toward meeting its goals. JF shall utilize technology
9 to provide transparent reporting to include programs funding and
10 stakeholder feedback. The annual report shall also be distributed
11 to the agencies listed in Section 85.111.

12 (e) *Plan review; amendment.* JF shall conduct an ongoing and
13 continuing review of the Plan's progress and effectiveness. JF may
14 amend the Plan by a majority vote of the Board. Plan amendments shall
15 be forwarded to the Mayor and the Council Secretary.

16 **Sec. 85.107. - Jacksonville Journey Forward Powers.**

17 (a) *Powers.* JF shall have the following powers to:

- 18 i. Develop, manage, oversee, and implement the Community-
19 Based Strategic Plan in accordance with this Chapter;
- 20 ii. Investigate the efficacy of City and community crime
21 reduction or public safety programs and conduct ongoing
22 review and make recommendations regarding such programs;
- 23 iii. Align all City agencies, programs, and resources affecting
24 crime reduction and foster an integrative, collaborative,
25 and innovative county and community-wide solution based
26 approach to reducing contributing factors of crime in Duval
27 County;
- 28 iv. Analyze feedback received from community leaders and
29 stakeholders and data received from City contracts that
30 involve or pertain to contributing factors of crime
31 reduction;

- 1 v. Based on data analysis and other factors determined by JF
2 and consistent with the Community-Based Plan, make annual
3 recommendations on programs to be funded by the City
4 Council in the annual budget, subject to the availability
5 of funds;
- 6 vi. Advocate for the investment of new public and private
7 dollars as well as state and federal policy initiatives
8 consistent with the Plan;
- 9 vii. Collect ongoing information and statistical data and
10 conduct ongoing research on community-based crime
11 prevention, intervention, deterrence, and, rehabilitation
12 ;
- 13 viii. Review and make recommendations regarding the City's ex-
14 offender programs and the Ex-Offender Program in Part 5 of
15 Chapter 126 of the Code;
- 16 ix. Review and make recommendations to the Sheriff regarding
17 the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center program;
- 18 x. Coordinate with the Division of Grants and Contract
19 Compliance or other appropriate City department for
20 federal, state, local, and privately funded grants to
21 obtain funding for programs and services that are
22 consistent with the Plan;
- 23 xi. Request funds to be disbursed from the trust fund in
24 accordance with Section 111.330 of the Code;
- 25 xii. Employ employees of the Board pursuant to this Chapter;
26 and
- 27 xiii. Make and adopt bylaws, rules, regulations and policies for
28 the Board's guidance, operation, and governance; however,
29 the Board's bylaws, rules, regulations and policies shall
30 not be inconsistent with this Chapter, federal or state
31 laws or other applicable City ordinances.

1 **Sec. 85.108. - Employees; Civil Service.**

2 (a) The Board may, subject to lawfully appropriated funds, employ
3 such persons as may be necessary to effectively conduct and accomplish
4 the affairs and duties of the Board under this Chapter. All employment
5 matters shall be handled with assistance from the City's Employee
6 Services Department and be consistent with the City's human resource
7 policies and requirements.

8 (b) *Civil service.* All employees of the Board shall be employees of
9 the City and shall be subject to Articles 16 and 17 of the Charter
10 of the City, except as otherwise provided by Council, and except that
11 any Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director, professional
12 employees, and the heads of activities shall not be within the civil
13 service system of the City and shall serve at the pleasure of the
14 Board.

15 **Sec. 85.109. - Annual operating budget; budget transfers.**

16 JF shall annually submit a proposed budget to the Mayor at the time
17 and in the manner specified by the Mayor. The Mayor shall include
18 JF's proposed annual budget in the Mayor's annual budget proposal.

19 **Sec. 85.110. - Coordination with other public and private agencies;
20 Use of subject matter experts.**

21 JF shall coordinate with federal, state, and private agencies in
22 performing its duties. Such agencies may include, but not be limited
23 to, the Juvenile Justice Department, the Sheriff's Office, the State
24 Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Duval County Public
25 Schools, Kids Hope Alliance, Jacksonville Civic Council, and the
26 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. The Board shall designate
27 individuals as subject matter experts ("Subject Matter Experts") with
28 expertise in public health, education, community-based crime
29 reduction and public safety. The Board may consult with and receive
30 presentations from Subject Matters Experts and residents to assist
31 with community convening, engagement, data collection and analysis

1 for the purpose of developing program metrics and support the Board
2 in fulfilling its duties under this Chapter. Subject Matter Experts
3 and citizen participants shall not be considered Board members for
4 purposes of Florida's Open Meetings Law.

5 **Sec. 85.111. - Intra-agency liaison relationships established.**

6 JF shall coordinate regularly with City departments, agencies, and
7 offices in developing and implementing the Plan. The Board shall
8 establish a liaison relationship with the following City departments,
9 independent agencies, and offices regarding the Services to be
10 provided under the Plan:

- 11 (a) Jacksonville Sheriff's Office;
- 12 (b) Kids Hope Alliance;
- 13 (c) Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department;
- 14 (d) Jacksonville Public Library;
- 15 (e) Neighborhoods Department;
- 16 (f) Grants and Contract Compliance Division;
- 17 (g) Duval County School Board;
- 18 (h) Jacksonville Housing Authority;
- 19 (i) Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority; and
- 20 (j) Any other City departments, offices or independent agencies
21 as determined by the Board.

22 A designated liaison from a City department or independent agency
23 shall not be a JF Board member. The liaison's sole purpose shall be
24 to facilitate and communicate information between the JF Board and
25 the City department or agency. The Board shall annually present to
26 the Rules Committee on the effectiveness of the intra-agency liaison
27 relationships required under this Section.

28 **Sec. 85.112. - Advisory committees.**

29 The Board may by rule create one or more advisory committees
30 consisting of representatives of groups, organizations, businesses,
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1 and persons involved in community-based crime reduction efforts.
2 An advisory committee may be permanent or ad hoc and its area of
3 responsibility shall be established, expanded, contracted, or
4 changed by the Board as it deems necessary and advisable.

5 **Sec. 85.113. - Trust Fund and Special Revenue Fund.**

6 JF is authorized to expend funds in the Trust Fund established
7 pursuant to Section 111.330, *Ordinance Code*.

8 **Section 3. Amending Section 24.601 (Establishment;**
9 **functions), Part 6 (Grants and Contract Compliance Division), Chapter**
10 **24 (Finance Department), Ordinance Code. 24.601 (Establishment;**
11 **functions), Part 6 (Grants and Contract Compliance Division), Chapter**
12 **24 (Finance Department), Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read**
13 **as follows:**

14 **CHAPTER 24 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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16 **PART 6. - GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

17 **Sec. 24.601. - Establishment; functions.**

18 There is created an executive division of the Finance Department to
19 be known as the Grants and Contract Compliance Division. The
20 Division shall ensure the City of Jacksonville receives the
21 broadest utilization of grant resources and manages such
22 resources and relationships. The Division shall be responsible
23 and accountable for appropriate compliance in accordance with
24 funding policy. The Division shall:

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26 (h) Oversee training of City-wide staff engaged in grant
27 writing, administration, and compliance which includes informal
28 training, cross training, and formal training such as conducting
29 grant writing workshops; ~~and~~

30 (i) Staff the Public Service Grants Council and forward any
31 recommendations from the Public Service Grants Council to the

1 Director of the Finance Department~~;~~ and

2 (j) Coordinate with the Jacksonville Journey Forward in
3 accordance with Chapter 85 of the Code regarding the application and
4 award of City grants regarding crime reduction or public safety. The
5 Division shall present to the Jacksonville Journey Forward for review
6 grant opportunities and applications regarding crime reduction or
7 public safety programs. The Jacksonville Journey Forward may make
8 recommendations to the Division regarding any proposed new or
9 existing community-based crime reduction programs being proposed by
10 the Division or other City agency.

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12 **Section 4. Amending Section 28.103 (Powers; functions and**
13 **duties of Director), Part 1 (General), Chapter 28 (Parks, Recreation**
14 **and Community Services), Ordinance Code.** Section 28.103 (Powers;
15 functions and duties of Director), Part 1 (General), Chapter 28
16 (Parks, Recreation and Community Services), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 **CHAPTER 28 - PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

19 **PART 1. - GENERAL**

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21 **Sec. 28.103. - Powers; functions and duties of Director.**

22 The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services shall have
23 the following powers, functions and duties, and shall have a liaison
24 relationship with the Sports and Entertainment Officer in the Office
25 of Sports and Entertainment to effectuate such powers as needed:

26 * * *

27 (f) The Director, or such designee, shall coordinate with the
28 Jacksonville Journey Forward in accordance with Chapter 85 of
29 the Code to implement and incorporate any Jacksonville Journey
30 Forward approved terms, goals, and performance metrics in
31 Department contracts or programs affecting crime reduction or

1 public safety. The Director, or such designee, shall present
2 to the Jacksonville Journey Forward for review and
3 recommendation any Department contracts or programs that may
4 affect factors contributing to crime reduction commencing such
5 contracts or programs.

6 **Section 5. Amending Section 34.801 (Neighborhood Services**
7 **Office functions), Part 8 (Neighborhood Services Office), Chapter 34**
8 **(Neighborhoods Department), Ordinance Code.** Section 34.801
9 (Neighborhood Services Office functions), Part 8 (Neighborhood
10 Services Office), Chapter 34 (Neighborhoods Department), *Ordinance*
11 *Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **CHAPTER 34 - NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT**

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14 **PART 8. - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES OFFICE**

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16 **Sec. 34.801. - Neighborhood Services Office functions.**

17 The Neighborhood Services office shall serve as the City of
18 Jacksonville's intermediary between the Neighborhoods Department and
19 the Community Organizations. The office reports to the Director of
20 Neighborhoods.

21 The office shall also have the following duties:

22 * * *

23 (d) Community development (including Town Center Initiatives,
24 Citizen Planning Advisory Committees (CPACs), Neighborhood Action
25 Plans, Neighborhood Outreach and engagement, Education interface,
26 and Neighborhood Association Coordination)-;i

27 (e) Compile and continually update an inventory of all officially-
28 recognized neighborhood organizations operating in the community.
29 In order to qualify as an officially-recognized neighborhood
30 organization, such organization should be incorporated in the State
31 of Florida and hold an IRS 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (9) tax exempt status-;i

1 (f) Establish an awards program for various categories of
2 neighborhood organizations that demonstrate outstanding progress in
3 increasing their effectiveness as advocates for neighborhood
4 interests, as service delivery mechanisms, as information resources,
5 and in other areas-;

6 (g) Act as a clearinghouse for all information intended for
7 dissemination to neighborhoods and citizens, and as a one-stop
8 resource for neighborhood organizations seeking information or City
9 assistance with regard to common neighborhood activities such as
10 establishment of a Neighborhood Watch, temporary street closures,
11 organization of block parties, cleanup campaigns, etc.;

12 (h) Serve as a communications channel with the neighborhood
13 organizations to enable them to better communicate with the City
14 government, including serving as staff to and coordinating with the
15 Citizens Advisory Committees-; and

16 (i) Coordinate with the Jacksonville Journey Forward in accordance
17 with Chapter 85 of the Code to inform neighborhood organizations,
18 including CPACs, about Jacksonville Journey initiatives, programs,
19 and reports regarding crime reduction and public safety in
20 neighborhoods.

21 **Section 6. Amending Sections 77.107 (Essential Services**
22 **Categories), 77.111 (Contracts; contract administration; carryover),**
23 **and 77.115 (Intra-agency liaison relationships established), Chapter**
24 **77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Ordinance Code.** Sections 77.107 (Essential
25 Services Categories), 77.111 (Contracts; contract administration;
26 carryover), and 77.115 (Intra-agency liaison relationships
27 established), Chapter 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), *Ordinance Code*, are
28 hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **CHAPTER 77 - KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE**

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31 **Sec. 77.107. - Essential Services Categories.**

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3 (b) *Adoption*. The Council hereby adopts the Essential Services
4 Categories contained in this Section. The Essential Services
5 Categories shall consist of the five Services categories listed and
6 described below:

7 * * *

8 (2) *Juvenile Justice Prevention and Intervention*
9 *Programming*. This Service category shall consist of programs,
10 services and activities designed to invest in children before
11 they exhibit behaviors that require system intervention and
12 reduce juvenile delinquency and crime. Additionally, this
13 Service category shall consist of programs that directly target
14 "at-hope" children and youth and those children and youth who
15 exhibit problem behaviors such as defiance, truancy, running
16 away from home and other pre-delinquent behaviors. In
17 accordance with Chapter 85 of the Code, such programs shall be
18 reviewed by the Jacksonville Journey Forward for the purpose
19 of making recommendations to such program prior to program
20 implementation.

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22 **Sec. 77.111. - Contracts; contract administration; carryover.**

23 (a) *Provider Contracts*.

24 * * *

25 (3) *Contract terms*. Each Provider shall execute a Provider Contract
26 for the Services awarded. Provider Contracts shall contain the
27 following minimum terms:

28 (i) Performance metrics approved by the Board;

29 * * *

30 (v) Restrictions on food and beverages in accordance
31 with Section 77.112; ~~and~~

1 (vi) As applicable, any juvenile justice prevention and
2 intervention program terms, goals, and performance metrics
3 approved by the Jacksonville Journey Forward pursuant to
4 Chapter 85; and

5 (vii) Any other provision which protects and is in the best
6 interest of the City as determined by the Office of General
7 Counsel.

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9 **Sec. 77.115. - Intra-agency liaison relationships established.**

10 KHA shall coordinate regularly with City departments, agencies, and
11 offices (collectively, the "City Departments") and independent
12 agencies in implementing the Plan. The Board shall establish a
13 liaison relationship with the following ~~City departments, agencies~~
14 ~~and offices (collectively, the "City Departments")~~ and independent
15 agencies regarding the Services to be provided under the Plan:

16 (a) Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (the
17 "Parks Department");

18 (b) Jacksonville Public Library;

19 (c) Neighborhoods Department; ~~and~~

20 (d) Jacksonville Journey Forward;

21 (e) Jacksonville Housing Authority;

22 (f) Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority; and

23 (g) Any other City departments, offices or agencies as
24 determined by the Board.

25 A designated liaison from a City Department or independent agency
26 under this Section shall not be a Board member. The liaison's sole
27 purpose shall be to facilitate and communicate information between
28 the Board and the City Department. The Board shall annually present
29 to the Rules Committee on the effectiveness of the intra-agency
30 liaison relationships required under this Section.

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1 **Section 7. Amending Section 90.102 (Authority of Board),**
2 **Chapter 90 (Board of Library Trustees), Ordinance Code.** Section
3 90.102 (Authority of Board), Chapter 90 (Board of Library Trustees),
4 *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **CHAPTER 90 - BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

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7 **Sec. 90.102. - Authority of Board.**

8 The Board shall have the authority to:

9 (a) ~~The Board shall have the authority to receive~~ Receive, accept,
10 and exercise control over funds, property, gifts, legacies and
11 devises now or hereafter granted to the library or its predecessor
12 libraries and agencies for the purpose of establishing and
13 maintaining a free public library in and for the Consolidated
14 Government and its citizens. The Board shall be responsible for the
15 administration of Chapter 662 and the provision of the library
16 services provided for in that Chapter-~~;~~;

17 (b) In connection with monies drawn from the City's General Fund in
18 each budget year, ~~the Board shall~~ abide by the provisions of the
19 City's Budget and Accounting Code, the Mayor's Executive Orders
20 relating to the Mayor's Budget Committee Review Procedures and the
21 Administration of Non-Departmental Lapse, and any other Executive
22 Orders pertaining to budgetary matters and the City's budgetary
23 policies as published from time to time. The Board shall ensure that
24 no expenditure of budgeted funds from the General Fund shall exceed
25 maximum permissible expenditure by object account within an activity
26 except as allowed by the City's published budgetary policies-~~;~~;

27 (c) ~~The Board shall have authority to approve~~ Approve and execute
28 through the Library Director or designee, for and on behalf of the
29 City of Jacksonville, memoranda of understanding ("MOUs"), and
30 amendments thereto, with the Library's Affinity Groups (friends of
31 the Library organizations and foundations established to support the

1 Library's programs and services), not-for-profit organizations,
2 government agencies, and other libraries for the purposes of
3 enhancing, expanding, and improving library services or providing
4 training or professional development. The MOUs are authorized
5 however such MOUs (i) do not require additional funding from the
6 City, (ii) do not require the City to indemnify or hold harmless a
7 third party beyond existing statutory and common law obligations,
8 (iii) provide for termination at will upon 90-day notice clauses,
9 (iv) contain, near the signature block, reference to new subsection
10 (c) as the authority for the Board to make and execute same, (v) are
11 reviewed and approved by City of Jacksonville Risk Management
12 Division in advance of execution, (vi) are reviewed and approved as
13 to form by the Office of General Counsel, and (vii) are maintained
14 by the Office of General Counsel in the form of a fully signed and
15 executed copy or duplicate original thereof. The Director shall
16 provide Council with a quarterly report regarding the MOUs permitted
17 under this Section-;

18 (d) Coordinate with the Jacksonville Journey Forward in accordance
19 with Chapter 85 of the Code to implement and incorporate any
20 Jacksonville Journey Forward approved terms, goals, and performance
21 metrics in library contracts or programs affecting crime reduction
22 or public safety. The Library Director, or such designee, shall
23 present to the Jacksonville Journey Forward for review and
24 recommendation any library contracts or programs that may affect
25 crime reduction or public safety prior to commencing such contracts
26 or programs.

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28 **Section 8. Amending Section 111.330 (Jacksonville Journey**
29 **Forward Trust Fund); Part 3 (Public Safety and Courts), Chapter 111**
30 **(Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ordinance Code. Section 111.330**
31 **(Jacksonville Journey Forward Trust Fund); Part 3 (Public Safety and**

1 Courts), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), *Ordinance*
2 *Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **CHAPTER 111 - SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS**

4 * * *

5 **PART 3. - PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURTS**

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7 **Sec. 111.330. - (~~Reserved~~ Jacksonville Journey Forward Trust Fund).**

8 There is created within the General Trust and Agency Fund a trust
9 fund account to be known as the Jacksonville Journey Forward Trust
10 Fund, hereinafter called the *Fund*. The Jacksonville Journey Forward
11 (the "Board") shall deposit into the Fund all donations and
12 contributions of money, including gifts and grants, received for use
13 toward achieving the purposes, functions and goals set forth in
14 Chapter 85, *Ordinance Code*. All such donations and contributions
15 shall be accounted for separately within the Fund by the Board. All
16 sums placed into the Fund, which shall include all interest earned
17 or accrued thereon, shall be appropriated by the Council prior to
18 expenditure. The Board shall approve all expenditure amounts. The
19 Director of Finance, or such designee, is authorized and directed to
20 make disbursements from the Fund after appropriation by the Council
21 and upon written requisition of the Board, or the Board's designee,
22 subject to the availability of funds in the Fund. Nothing in this
23 Section shall prohibit or otherwise limit any appropriations which
24 may be made by the Council to the Board for use toward achieving the
25 purposes, functions, and goals set forth in Chapter 85, *Ordinance*
26 *Code*.

27 **Section 9. Amending Section 126.506 (Reporting), Part 5**
28 **(Ex-Offender Program), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Ordinance**
29 **Code.** Section 126.506 (Reporting), Part 5 (Ex-Offender Program),
30 Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to
31 read as follows:

1 CHAPTER 126 - PROCUREMENT CODE

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3 PART 5. - EX-OFFENDER PROGRAM

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5 **Sec. 126.506. - Reporting.**

6 The Chief shall provide an annual report to the Mayor, ~~and~~ the City
7 Council, and the Jacksonville Journey Forward no later than December
8 31 of each fiscal year for the previous fiscal year on the information
9 provided by contractors on the Compliance Report pursuant to this
10 Section. The first such report shall be due no later than December
11 31, 2018, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017, and ending
12 September 30, 2018. Such annual reports shall at a minimum include
13 information and data regarding the number of:

14 * * *

15 **Section 10. Creating a new Section 126.507 (Jacksonville**
16 **Journey Forward Program Review), Part 5 (Ex-Offender Program),**
17 **Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Ordinance Code.** A new Section 126.507
18 (Jacksonville Journey Forward Program Review), Part 5 (Ex-Offender
19 Program), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
20 created to read as follows:

21
22 CHAPTER 126 - PROCUREMENT CODE

23 * * *

24 PART 5. - EX-OFFENDER PROGRAM

25 * * *

26 **Sec. 126.507. - Jacksonville Journey Forward Program Review.**

27 Jacksonville Journey Forward shall annually review, in consultation
28 with the Chief, and make recommendations to the City Council as
29 needed regarding the ex-offender program provided in this part.

30 **Section 11. Jacksonville Journey Forward not to serve as a**
31 **citizens review or civilian oversight board of the Jacksonville**

1 **Sheriff's Office.** Jacksonville Journey Forward shall not serve as a
2 citizens review or civilian oversight board of the Jacksonville
3 Sheriff's Office pursuant to Florida law. In accordance with Chapter
4 85 of the Code, Jacksonville Journey Forward shall collaborate with
5 the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO") and may provide
6 recommendations to JSO regarding crime prevention, intervention, and
7 rehabilitation, neighborhood safety and stability, and prevention
8 of juvenile and adult recidivism crime reduction. JSO, in its sole
9 discretion, may consider or implement any Jacksonville Journey
10 Forward recommendations provided to JSO.

11 **Section 12. Establishment of prospective date of October 1,**
12 **2024, for all Code amendments and new provisions contained in this**
13 **ordinance to become effective.** The Code amendments and new provisions
14 contained in this ordinance shall not become effective until October
15 1, 2024.

16 **Section 13. Codification; authorizing the Council Auditor**
17 **and General Counsel's Office to make "Technical Amendments".** The
18 Offices of the Council Auditor and the General Counsel are authorized
19 to take all necessary action in connection with this legislation, to
20 execute the finalization and codification of the legislation to
21 effectuate the purposes of this ordinance without further Council
22 action, provided such changes and amendments are limited to "technical
23 amendments" and do not change the fiscal impact and further provided,
24 that all such amendments shall be subject to appropriate legal review
25 and approval by the General Counsel, or designee, and all other
26 appropriate official action required by law.

27 **Section 14. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared by: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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