

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
3 Safety Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-690-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS,
8 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS
9 DESIGNEE, TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA
10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
11 (FDACS) FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
12 RENOVATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE CANNING CENTER
13 LOCATED AT 2525 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE ("PROJECT");
14 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION
15 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO
16 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ALL
17 GRANT AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY
18 AND FDACS RELATED TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING
19 OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION
20 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; REQUESTING ONE-CYCLE
21 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Canning Center located at 2525
24 Commonwealth Avenue (the "Canning Center") has a long-established
25 history of serving those in need, including historically to inmates
26 and depression-era families, and most recently to nonprofit
27 organizations and volunteers, churches, school children, seniors, and
28 cottage food entrepreneurs, and providing a space to learn, prepare,
29 and preserve garden produce and innovate with cottage foods; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Canning Center is a part of the University of
31 Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS)

1 Extension Duval County agricultural complex, including the office on
2 N. McDuff Avenue and the Urban Gardens on Superior Street; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") desires to renovate
4 the Canning Center (the "Project") in collaboration with the UF/IFAS
5 Extension, in order to expand and modernize its services to the
6 community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in Ordinance 2023-348-E, the City Council approved
8 \$500,000 in funding for the Project which funds will complete the
9 first phase of the Project and bring the electrical, mechanical, and
10 plumbing up to code; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to continue with additional Project
12 renovations which would include the development of
13 kitchenettes/cooking studios, modern canning stations, and a cottage
14 food classroom, to provide citizens with rental and educational
15 opportunities for food preparation, preservation, and cottage food
16 entrepreneurship; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish the Canning Center as
18 a qualified agriculture education and promotion facility to qualify
19 for additional funding for the Project by the State of Florida
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) pursuant to
21 Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Canning Center serves a public purpose and the
23 Project will greatly enhance the City and otherwise promote and
24 further the municipal purposes of the City; now therefore

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

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

28 **Section 2. Approval and Authorization.** There is hereby
29 approved, and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community
30 Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for grant
31 funding for the Project with the FDACS in substantially the same form

1 as the application attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as
2 "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Grant App, September 3, 2024 - NCSPHS" and
3 incorporated herein by this reference, and to execute and deliver on
4 behalf of the City all grant and funding agreements related to the
5 Project between the City and the FDACS, as well as any other documents
6 related to such grants and funding.

7 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Department of Parks, Recreation
8 and Community Services shall oversee the Project and the grant
9 described herein.

10 **Section 4. Requesting One-Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
11 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One-cycle emergency passage of this
12 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is to comply
13 with the requirements of the grant in a timely manner in order to
14 apply by the deadline to receive funding for the Project.

15 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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