

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-765**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HOMELESSNESS
6 INITIATIVES COMMISSION ("COMMISSION"); AMENDING
7 SECTION 86.103 (COMPOSITION; LIAISONS; TERMS;
8 REMOVAL) AND SECTION 86.104 (FUNCTIONS, POWERS
9 AND DUTIES), CHAPTER 86 (HOMELESSNESS
10 INITIATIVES COMMISSION), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ADD
11 A LIAISON FROM THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE
12 DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND BY ONE
13 YEAR THE DEADLINES TO CREATE A FIVE-YEAR
14 STRATEGIC PLAN AND AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN;
15 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Council established the Homelessness Initiatives
19 Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Ordinance 2024-111-E (the
20 "Enabling Ordinance"); and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is unable to meet the September 1, 2024
22 deadline for the creation of an annual Action Plan and the December
23 31, 2024 deadline for the creation of a five-year Strategic Plan, all
24 as set forth in the Enabling Ordinance, due to an unforeseen delay
25 in the initial member appointments to the Commission; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Commission voted at its August 15, 2024 meeting to
27 request the Council to extend the Strategic Plan and Action Plan
28 deadlines by one year to permit the Commission to have enough time to
29 prepare the same, as reflected in the Meeting Minutes attached hereto
30 as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference; now therefore

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

1 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are incorporated
2 herein by this reference.

3 **Section 2. Amending Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons;
4 Terms; Removal) and Section 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties),
5 Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission), Ordinance Code.**
6 Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal) and Section
7 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties), Chapter 86 (Homelessness
8 Initiatives Commission), *Ordinance Code*, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **CHAPTER 86 - HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION**

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12 **Sec. 86.103. - Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal.**

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14 (b) Liaisons. The City Council President shall annually appoint
15 a City Council Member to serve as a liaison to the Commission. In
16 addition, the Sheriff shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from
17 amongst his staff with preference given to an officer who regularly
18 works and interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or chronically
19 unhoused populations. In addition, the Director of Fire and Rescue
20 shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from the Jacksonville Fire
21 and Rescue Department with preference given to an employee who
22 regularly works and interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or
23 chronically unhoused populations. These are non-voting positions and
24 the liaisons shall not be considered members of the Commission for
25 Florida's Open Meetings Law purposes.

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27 **Sec. 86.104. - Functions, powers and duties.**

28 In addition to such powers, duties and authority as may be set
29 forth elsewhere in the Ordinance Code, the Commission is hereby
30 authorized to:

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2 (d) Create a five-year Strategic Plan outlining appropriate
3 programs, services and initiatives to combat homelessness -
4 this Strategic Plan should be tailored to address the unique
5 needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused
6 populations; the initial Strategic Plan shall be presented
7 to the Council committee of reference tasked with reviewing
8 and making recommendations on measures addressing
9 homelessness on or before December 31, ~~2024~~2025;

10 (e) Create an annual Action Plan that includes specific goals
11 and measurables to effectuate the Strategic Plan; the
12 initial Action Plan shall be presented to the Council
13 committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making
14 recommendations on measures addressing homelessness on or
15 before September 1, ~~2024~~2025;

16 (f) Annually review the Strategic Plan and Action Plan and make
17 recommendations to the Council committee of reference tasked
18 with reviewing and making recommendations on measures
19 addressing homelessness for updates and changes to both
20 Plans on or before March 1 each year beginning March 1,
21 2026;

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23 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
24 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
25 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
26 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the
27 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are
28 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall
29 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

30 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

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