

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and amended by the Neighborhoods,
2 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-765-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HOMELESSNESS
7 INITIATIVES COMMISSION ("COMMISSION"); AMENDING
8 SECTION 86.103 (COMPOSITION; LIAISONS; TERMS;
9 REMOVAL) AND SECTION 86.104 (FUNCTIONS, POWERS
10 AND DUTIES), CHAPTER 86 (HOMELESSNESS
11 INITIATIVES COMMISSION), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ADD
12 A LIAISON FROM THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE
13 DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND THE
14 DEADLINES TO CREATE A FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
15 AND AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR
16 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN
17 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Council established the Homelessness Initiatives
20 Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Ordinance 2024-111-E (the
21 "Enabling Ordinance"); and

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2024, during the NCSPPHS Committee
2 meeting, the attending Council members deliberated the Commission's
3 extension request and revised the Action Plan extension from one year
4 to seven months; now therefore

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

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

8 **Section 2. Amending Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons;
9 Terms; Removal) and Section 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties),
10 Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission), Ordinance Code.**
11 Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal) and Section
12 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties), Chapter 86 (Homelessness
13 Initiatives Commission), *Ordinance Code*, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **CHAPTER 86 - HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION**

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

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19 (b) Liaisons. The City Council President shall annually appoint
20 a City Council Member to serve as a liaison to the
21 Commission. In addition, the Sheriff shall appoint a
22 liaison to the Commission from amongst his staff with
23 preference given to an officer who regularly works and
24 interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or chronically
25 unhoused populations. In addition, the Director of Fire
26 and Rescue shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from
27 the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department with preference
28 given to an employee who regularly works and interacts with
29 the Duval County homeless and/or chronically unhoused
30 populations. These are non-voting positions and the
31 liaisons shall not be considered members of the Commission

1 for Florida's Open Meetings Law purposes.

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

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

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- 8 (d) Create a five-year Strategic Plan outlining appropriate
9 programs, services and initiatives to combat homelessness
10 - this Strategic Plan should be tailored to address the
11 unique needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic
12 unhoused populations; the initial Strategic Plan shall be
13 presented to the Council committee of reference tasked with
14 reviewing and making recommendations on measures
15 addressing homelessness on or before December 31, ~~2024~~2025;
- 16 (e) Create an annual Action Plan that includes specific goals
17 and measurables to effectuate the Strategic Plan; the
18 initial Action Plan shall be presented to the Council
19 committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making
20 recommendations on measures addressing homelessness on or
21 before March 31, 2025~~September 1, 2024~~;
- 22 (f) Annually review the Strategic Plan and Action Plan and make
23 recommendations to the Council committee of reference
24 tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on
25 measures addressing homelessness for updates and changes
26 to both Plans on or before March 1 each year beginning
27 March 1, 2026;

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29 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
30 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
31 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth

1 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the
2 Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation are
3 approved and directed herein, and changes to the Ordinance Code shall
4 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

5 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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