Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

**ORDINANCE 2025-506**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO: (1) EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, (A) AN AGREEMENT WITH SHANDS JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, INC., AND (B) LETTERS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA THROUGH ITS AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION, BOTH CONCERNING PAYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CITY'S INDIGENT HEALTH CARE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $56,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AND (2) TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor, or her designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to: (1) execute and deliver: (a) an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. ("Shands"), in substantially the same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference, and (b) Letters of Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA") in substantially the same forms as are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**, respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the "Agreements"), all of which concern payment and distribution of the

City's indigent health care funds in the amount of $56,000,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026, and (2) take such further action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance, including executing any amendments to the Agreements as mutually agreed to by the parties thereto, subject to review thereof by the Office of General Counsel and provided the same do not increase in the aggregate any financial obligation or liability of the City. No agreements between the City and the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration will be executed and no funding disbursed by the City to the State until the City confirms adequate participation in the intergovernmental transfer (IGT) program by other counties and government entities in the State.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the distribution of the City's contribution to indigent health care funding between Shands and the State of Florida as part of the State's Medicaid Hospital Program.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/Mary E. Staffopoulos
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Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos
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