

1 Introduced by Council Member Crescimbeni:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2019-469**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,600,000.00 FROM
6 THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST
7 FUND, SUBFUND 15F, FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM
8 CALLED THE "630-CITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM"
9 ALSO KNOWN AS THE "LEVEL 1 TREE PLANTING
10 PROGRAM" TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING IN THE
11 PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN LOCATIONS WHERE
12 ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MADE REQUESTS
13 THROUGH 630-CITY; APPROVING, AND REQUESTING
14 THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO
16 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
17 CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED; PROVIDING A
18 CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
19 YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of
22 Jacksonville formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the
23 various public and private entities that are concerned with the
24 conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree Canopy; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission established the Level 1 Tree
26 Planting Program, also referred to as the 630-CITY Tree Planting
27 Program (the "Program"), which allows citizens to request up to two
28 (2) trees per year to be planted on City right-of-way adjacent to
29 their property; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission voted to recommend increasing the
31 funding for the Program; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City's Public Affairs Office has been actively
2 promoting the Program through community meetings and social media;
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4 **WHEREAS**, the initial \$200,000 provided to the Program has been
5 allocated through a purchase order for 140 tree plantings; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there has been a great deal of interest in this
7 program by the public from all areas of the City garnering a total
8 of 900 requests to date for one or two trees per request; and

9 **WHEREAS**, each tree, based upon our Countywide Tree Planting
10 contract, costs between \$1,100 to \$1,500, thus in order to provide
11 the trees requested funding for the Program needs to be increased;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund
14 currently contains approximately \$25,000,000 for the purpose of
15 planting trees to replace the tree canopy for the City lost through
16 the process of land development, now therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Appropriation for Tree Replacement Program.**

19 **Appropriation for 630-CITY Tree Planting Program.** For the
20 2018-2019 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby
21 appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in
22 subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

23 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and
24 incorporated herein by this reference)

25 (a) Appropriated from:

26 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$1,600,000.00

27 (b) Appropriated to:

28 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$1,600,000.00

29 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
30 to provide \$1,600,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
31 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the 630-

1 CITY Tree Planting Program, administered by the
2 Department of Public Works.

3 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
4 Section 3 is to provide \$1,600,000.00 for the 630-CITY Tree
5 Planting Program, to plant trees within public rights-of-way in
6 Duval County in locations where adjacent property owners have
7 requested trees, through 630-CITY. The Program funds will be
8 expended in this way:

9 (1) When a property owner enlists the help of the City through
10 "630-CITY" asking for a new tree to be installed in the right-of-
11 way adjacent to their property, the Department of Public Works may
12 use Subfund 15F to install either one or two trees approved in
13 accordance with the "Tree Commission Approved Tree Planting List"
14 available for view on the Tree Commission's website, and attached
15 hereto as **Exhibit 2**;

16 (2) The location and species must be approved by a City
17 Arborist; and

18 (3) The request may not exceed two trees within a one year
19 period per property owner request, unless otherwise approved by the
20 Tree Commission.

21 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Public Works
22 Department shall continue to oversee the Program described herein.
23 The trees that are planted, and any that are removed as part of the
24 planting, shall be recorded electronically on Plan-it GEO, or its
25 equivalent, and shall note the species and size of each, as well as
26 the date of planting or removal, and the Ordinance number, if
27 applicable, appropriating the funding.

28 **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
29 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal
30 years.

31 **Section 5. 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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6 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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