

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Hazouri, Ferraro, Cumber, Pittman, Carlucci, Newby, R.
3 Gaffney, White, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Salem and Dennis:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2019-701**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FROM THE
8 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL SERVICES DISTRICT FUND
9 BALANCE TO THE FIRE WATCH - NORTHEAST FLORIDA
10 VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
11 TO FUND VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND
12 ACTIVITIES; PURPOSE; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND
13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND
14 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THAT
15 CERTAIN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING VETERANS'
16 SUICIDE PREVENTION BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF
17 JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY ("CITY"), AND THE
18 COUNTIES OF BAKER, CLAY, NASSAU, AND ST. JOHNS,
19 WHICH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES THE
20 NORTHEAST FLORIDA FIRE WATCH COUNCIL; CREATING A
21 NEW SECTION 111.260 (THE FIRE WATCH - NORTHEAST
22 FLORIDA VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION SPECIAL
23 REVENUE FUND), CHAPTER 111 (SPECIAL REVENUE AND
24 TRUST ACCOUNTS), PART 2 (HEALTH AND HUMAN
25 SERVICES), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING FOR COUNCIL
26 MEMBER LIAISON; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
27 OFFICE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE;
28 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
29 PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
30 DATE.
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1 **WHEREAS**, approximately 20 veterans die by suicide each
2 day, which is at least 1.5 times higher than those individuals who
3 have not served in the military; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Florida has the third largest veteran population in
5 the nation, only preceded by California and Texas; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Northeast Florida has a high concentration of
7 military veterans given the proximity of military installations in
8 the Northeast Florida area, with veterans representing about 9.2
9 percent of the City of Jacksonville area population; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Counties of Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns
11 and the City of Jacksonville, Duval County ("City") (collectively,
12 the "Counties" or individually, "County") desire to see a
13 reduction in suicides among Northeast Florida veterans using a
14 coordinated approach to suicide prevention; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Counties pursuant to Section 163.01, *Florida*
16 *Statutes*, wish to make the most efficient use of their powers and
17 cooperate, collaborate and coordinate with each other on the basis
18 of mutual advantage regarding the prevention of suicide in
19 Northeast Florida veterans and form a separate multi-
20 jurisdictional governmental entity made up of representatives from
21 each County to address veterans' suicide prevention; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of each County
23 desire that its county be included in a collaborative effort among
24 the Counties to reduce the rates of suicide in Northeast Florida
25 veterans as contemplated herein.

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

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

29 **Section 2. Findings.** The City does hereby find and
30 determine that:

31 (A) The prevention of veterans' suicide in Northeast Florida

1 serves a public purpose;

2 (B) It is in the best interest of the City to be included
3 in a collaborative effort among the Counties of Baker, Clay,
4 Nassau and St. Johns to prevent suicide in Northeast Florida
5 veterans;

6 (C) It is in the best interest of the City to participate in
7 the membership of the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, and it
8 is necessary and desirable for the City to authorize, execute, and
9 deliver the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Veterans' Suicide
10 Prevention by and among the City and the Counties of Baker, Clay,
11 Nassau, and St. Johns, in substantially the same form as contained
12 in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this
13 reference (the "Interlocal Agreement").

14 **Section 3. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
15 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
16 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the
17 account(s) listed in subsection (b):

18 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
19 incorporated herein by this reference)

20 (a) Appropriated from:

21 See attached **Exhibit 2** \$70,000.00

22 (b) Appropriated to:

23 See attached **Exhibit 2** \$70,000.00

24 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation.** This ordinance appropriates
25 \$70,000.00 from the General Fund/General Services District
26 Fund Balance to The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida
27 Veterans' Suicide Prevention Special Revenue Fund to fund
28 programs and activities authorized by the Northeast
29 Florida Fire Watch Council to prevent veterans' suicide in
30 Northeast Florida, subject to the Interlocal Agreement
31 terms.

1 **Section 4. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation
2 above is to fund programs and activities authorized by the Northeast
3 Florida Fire Watch Council for the purpose of preventing veterans'
4 suicide in Northeast Florida, subject to the Interlocal Agreement
5 terms.

6 **Section 5. Approval and authorizations.** There is hereby
7 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary
8 are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of
9 the City the Interlocal Agreement. Additionally, the Mayor, or his
10 designee, and Corporation Secretary are authorized to negotiate,
11 execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City an agreement
12 between the City and the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council for
13 the City to serve as the administrator of the Interlocal Agreement,
14 as provided therein.

15 **Section 6. New Section 111.260 (The Fire Watch - Northeast**
16 **Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Special Revenue Fund), Part 2**
17 **(Health and Human Services), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust**
18 **Accounts), Ordinance Code.** A new Section 111.260 (The Fire Watch -
19 Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Special Revenue
20 Fund), Part 2 (Health and Human Services), Chapter 111 (Special
21 Revenue Trust Accounts), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read
22 as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 111. SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS**

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25 **PART 2. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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27 **Sec. 111.260. The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans'**
28 **Suicide Prevention Special Revenue Fund.**

- 29 (a) There is created within the Special Revenue Funds a special
30 revenue fund account to be known as The Fire Watch -
31 Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Special

1 Revenue Fund ("Fund"), into which shall be deposited all
2 private donations, contributions, monetary gifts,
3 sponsorship monies, and other monies designated for the
4 approved uses in this section. Monies deposited into the
5 Fund shall be used to defray the costs and expenses related
6 to programs and activities authorized by the Northeast
7 Florida Fire Watch Council (the "Fire Watch Council")
8 established pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement Regarding
9 Veterans' Suicide Prevention by and among the City of
10 Jacksonville, Florida (Duval County), Baker County, Florida,
11 Clay County, Florida, Nassau County, Florida and St Johns
12 County, Florida, approved by Ordinance 2019-____-E. All
13 monies and interest placed into the Fund are hereby
14 appropriated for the purposes of the Fund and such shall not
15 lapse to the General Fund at the close of any fiscal year,
16 but instead shall carry over to the next fiscal year. The
17 Fire Watch Council shall approve and authorize all
18 expenditures from the Fund. The Director of Finance and
19 Administration, or his designee, is authorized and directed
20 to make disbursements from the Fund upon receipt of the Fire
21 Watch Council's written request and approval of such
22 expenditure.

23 (b) There is hereby established, in addition to the Special
24 Revenue Fund, a separate federal and state grants account
25 (collectively, "Federal and State Grants Account") into
26 which federal and state funding applied for by the Fire
27 Watch Council, or the City of Jacksonville as administrator
28 for the Fire Watch Council, shall be deposited. All federal
29 and state funding awards shall be expended by the Fire Watch
30 Council consistent with the purposes and terms set forth in
31 the Interlocal Agreement. The Fire Watch Council shall

1 approve and authorize all expenditures from the Federal and
2 State Grants Account. The Director of Finance and
3 Administration, or his designee, is authorized and directed
4 to make disbursements from the Fund upon receipt of the Fire
5 Watch Council's written request and approval of such
6 expenditure.

7 **Section 7. Council Member Liaison.** Council Member Diamond
8 is hereby designated as the City Council of the City of Jacksonville
9 liaison to the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council as of the
10 effective date of the Interlocal Agreement through June 30, 2023.

11 **Section 8. Oversight.** The Office of Grants Management and
12 Compliance shall oversee and provide administrative assistance to
13 the Fire Watch Council as provided in the Interlocal Agreement.

14 **Section 9. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and
15 the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all changes to
16 the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation.

17 **Section 10. Contingency.** This ordinance is conditioned
18 upon the participating Counties and the City of Jacksonville
19 executing the Interlocal Agreement.

20 **Section 11. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Lawsikia J. Hodges

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Lawsikia J. Hodges

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