

1 Introduced by Council President at the request of the Duval County
2 Tourist Development Council and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
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5 **ORDINANCE 2019-854**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$785,000.00 FROM
7 OTHER CONSTRUCTION TO RESERVES FOR THE
8 PERFORMING ARTS-DOWNTOWN VISITOR CENTER
9 PROJECT; PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DUVAL COUNTY
10 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION
11 REGARDING LOCATION OF DOWNTOWN VISITOR CENTER;
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Duval County Tourist Development Council (the
15 "Tourist Development Council" or "TDC"), pursuant to Chapter 70,
16 *Ordinance Code*, administers the Tourist Development Plan set forth in
17 Chapter 666, *Ordinance Code*; and

18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 70.104(1) the TDC may recommend
19 activities and projects to the City Council to be funded from the
20 Development Account established pursuant to Sections 111.600 and
21 666.108, *Ordinance Code*; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Section 666.108(b)(1) of the Tourist Development Plan
23 requires the establishment and operation of a visitor center in
24 Downtown Jacksonville ("Downtown Visitor Center") and the TDC,
25 pursuant to Ordinance 2018-837-E, recommended to the City Council that
26 funds from the Development Account be used to establish the Downtown
27 Visitor Center at a location within the Times Union Center for the
28 Performing Arts; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the TDC at its special meeting on October 23, 2019
30 unanimously recommended that the construction of the Downtown Visitor
31 Center be placed on hold to enable the TDC to further explore
32 additional location options related to the Downtown Visitor Center. A

1 copy of the special meeting minutes are attached hereto as **On File**;
2 now therefore

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

4 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are
5 true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

6 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
7 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
8 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
9 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

10 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
11 incorporated herein by this reference)

12 (a) Appropriated from:

13 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$785,000.00

14 (b) Appropriated to:

15 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$785,000.00

16 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation.** This ordinance appropriates
17 \$785,000.00 from "Other Construction" to "Reserves" for
18 the Performing Arts-Downtown Visitor Center project.

19 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation
20 above is to appropriate \$785,000.00 from "Other Construction" to
21 "Reserves" for the Performing Arts-Downtown Visitor Center project
22 until the TDC makes a determination and recommendation to the City
23 Council regarding the site location of the Downtown Visitor Center.

24 **Section 4. Tourist Development Council Recommendation**
25 **Regarding Location of the Downtown Visitor Center.** The TDC is
26 directed to further assess and/or explore additional locations for
27 the Downtown Visitor Center consistent with the Tourist Development
28 Plan. The funding appropriated to Reserves in Section 3 above may
29 not be expended until the TDC determines and recommends to the City
30 Council a final site location for the Downtown Visitor Center
31 consistent with the Tourist Development Plan.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

 /s/ Lawsikia J. Hodges

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Lawsikia J. Hodges

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