

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member R. Gaffney:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2019-880**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00 FROM
7 THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST
8 FUND, SUBFUND 15F, FOR THE LEVEL 2 COUNTY-WIDE
9 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC
10 LAND IN DUVAL COUNTY SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUALS
11 OR GROUPS; THE PROGRAMS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED
12 BY THE CITY; APPROVING, AND REQUESTING THE
13 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO
15 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
16 CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED; PROVIDING A
17 CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
18 YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of
21 Jacksonville formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the
22 various public and private entities that are concerned with the
23 conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree Canopy; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission established the Level 2 Tree
25 Planting Program, (the "Level 2 Program"), which was approved and
26 funded by ordinance 2019-89-E; and

27 **WHEREAS**, there has been a great deal of interest in the Level
28 2 Program by the public from all areas of the City; and

29 **WHEREAS**, of the initial \$1,000,000.00 provided to the Level 2
30 Program through ordinance 2019-89-E, \$444,789.00 has been expended
31 or encumbered, leaving a balance of \$555,211.00 for utilization in

1 the Level 2 Program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission voted on November 20, 2019 to
3 recommend increasing the funding for the Level 2 Program by
4 \$2,000,000.00 due to the amount and scope of proposed new projects;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, as of November 15, 2019, the Tree Protection and
7 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, contained \$19,455,297.00
8 available to appropriate for the purpose of planting trees to
9 replace the tree canopy of the City that has been lost through the
10 process of land development, now therefore

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

12 **Section 1. Appropriation for the Level 2 Tree Planting**
13 **Program.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, within the City's budget,
14 there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
15 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
16 subsection (b):

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

19 (a) Appropriated from:

20 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

21 (b) Appropriated to:

22 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

23 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
24 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
25 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the Level 2
26 Tree Planting Program, administered by the Department of
27 Public Works.

28 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
29 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to work with
30 applicants that are individuals or groups to plant trees on public
31 property in Duval County.

1 The Level 2 Tree Planting Program (the "Level 2 Program")
2 provides individual citizens or organizations with the opportunity
3 to suggest a location for a tree planting project on public
4 property within Duval County that proposes to use funds from the
5 City of Jacksonville Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust
6 Fund. City Council sponsorship is not required. If a citizen or
7 organization is interested in suggesting a planting location for
8 the City to implement, then the following are the requirements to
9 utilize this Program.

10 1. The location of the proposed planting must be:

11 a. In Duval County; and

12 b. On public property, such as a road right-of-way; a local,
13 state or national park; Duval County School Board
14 property, etc.; and

15 2. It is preferred, but not required, that the request be at
16 least in a schematic format for locations and species of tree;

17 3. The number of trees requested may not exceed 200;

18 4. The Public Works Department certified City Arborist shall
19 approve the schematic design proposed, or generate a design
20 for implementation;

21 5. Upon receipt or generation of a schematic design for a
22 planting project, the Department of Public Works shall provide
23 a copy of same to the District Council Member representing the
24 location of the project;

25 6. The request shall be heard by the Tree Commission for a
26 recommendation to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee for
27 approval; and

28 7. The project shall be administered by the Public Works
29 Department which may be separately bid the project, or may
30 utilize the City's Continuous Tree Contractor.

31 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Public Works

1 Department shall continue to oversee the Level 2 Program described
2 herein. The trees that are planted, and any that are removed as
3 part of the planting, shall be recorded electronically on Plan-it
4 Geo, or its equivalent, and shall note the species and size of
5 each, as well as the date of planting or removal, and the Ordinance
6 number, if applicable, appropriating the funding.

7 **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
8 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal
9 years.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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