

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

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4 **ORDINANCE 2019-886**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00 TO  
6 THE, "630-CITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM," ALSO  
7 KNOWN AS THE "LEVEL 1 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM,"  
8 TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING ADMINISTERED BY  
9 PUBLIC WORKS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN  
10 LOCATIONS WHERE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE  
11 MADE REQUESTS THROUGH 630-CITY; APPROVING, AND  
12 REQUESTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO  
13 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO  
14 CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN  
15 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED;  
16 PROVIDING CLARIFICATION OF NAME OF PROGRAM;  
17 PROVIDING A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT  
18 FISCAL YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS,** the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of  
21 Jacksonville was formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of  
22 the 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 "630-CITY Tree  
25 Planting Program," also referred to as the "Level 1 Tree Planting  
26 Program," (the "Program"), which allows citizens to request up to  
27 two (2) trees per year to be planted on City right-of-way adjacent  
28 to their property; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Tree Commission voted on November 20, 2019 to  
30 recommend increasing the funding for the Program by \$2,000,000.00;  
31 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**, there has been a great deal of interest in the  
5 Program by the public from all areas of the City; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the initial \$200,000 provided to the Program through  
7 ordinance 2018-775-E has been expended, and the additional  
8 \$1,600,000.00 provided to the Program through ordinance 2019-469-E  
9 has been expended or encumbered such that only \$72,596.00 remains  
10 in the Program, and is on track to be expended quickly; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund,  
12 Subfund 15F, contained \$19,455,297.00 overall as of November 15,  
13 2019 for the purpose of planting trees to replace the tree canopy  
14 for the City which has been lost through the process of land  
15 development, now therefore

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

17           **Section 1.       Appropriation for the 630-CITY Tree Planting**  
18 **Program.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, within the City’s budget,  
19 there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the  
20 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in  
21 subsection (b):

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

24           (a) Appropriated from:

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

26           (b) Appropriated to:

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

28           (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is  
29 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and  
30 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the “630-  
31 CITY Tree Planting Program,” also known as the “Level 1

1 Tree Planting Program" (the "Program") administered by  
2 the Department of Public Works.

3 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
4 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to plant  
5 trees within public rights-of-way in Duval County in locations  
6 where adjacent property owners have requested trees by calling (904)  
7 630-CITY. The Program funds will be expended in this way:

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

15 (2) The location and species must be approved by a City  
16 Arborist, or City Landscape Architect; and

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

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

27 **Section 4. Program Name Clarification.** To eliminate  
28 confusion regarding the purpose of this tree planting program, it  
29 shall be referred to as the "630-CITY Tree Planting Program."

30 **Section 5. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this  
31 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal

1 years.

2           **Section 6.           Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8     /s/ Susan C. Grandin    

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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