

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and amended by the
2 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety
3 Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2019-886-E**

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

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24 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of
25 Jacksonville was formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of
26 the various public and private entities that are concerned with the
27 conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree Canopy; and

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

1 to their property; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission voted on November 20, 2019 to
3 recommend increasing the funding for the Program by \$2,000,000.00;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City's Public Affairs Office has been actively
6 promoting the Program through community meetings and social media;
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8 **WHEREAS**, there has been a great deal of interest in the
9 Program by the public from all areas of the City; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the initial \$200,000 provided to the Program through
11 Ordinance 2018-775-E has been expended, and the additional
12 \$1,600,000.00 provided to the Program through Ordinance 2019-469-E
13 has been expended or encumbered such that only \$72,596.00 remains
14 in the Program, and is on track to be expended quickly; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund,
16 Subfund 15F, contained \$19,455,297.00 overall as of November 15,
17 2019 for the purpose of planting trees to replace the tree canopy
18 for the City which has been lost through the process of land
19 development, now therefore

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

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

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

28 (a) Appropriated from:

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

30 (b) Appropriated to:

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

1 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
2 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
3 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the "630-
4 CITY Tree Planting Program," also known as the "Level 1
5 Tree Planting Program" (the "Program") administered by
6 the Department of Public Works.

7 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
8 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to plant
9 trees within public rights-of-way in Duval County in locations
10 where adjacent property owners have requested trees by calling (904)
11 630-CITY. The Program funds will be expended in this way:

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

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

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

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

31 **Section 4. Program Name Clarification.** To eliminate

1 confusion regarding the purpose of this tree planting program, it
2 shall be referred to as the "630-CITY Tree Planting Program."

3 **Section 5. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
4 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal
5 years.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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