

1 Introduced by Council President Wilson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-260**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS;
6 PROVIDING A NINETY-DAY EXTENSION FOR MEETING
7 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 118.201(F) (4) OR (5)
8 FOR THOSE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS WHO
9 WERE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AUDIT REPORTS BY THE
10 END OF APRIL OR MAY 2020; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
11 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, recipients of public service grants under Chapter
15 118, *Ordinance Code*, are required to comply with certain audit and
16 reporting requirements; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Section 118.201(f) (4) & (5) require that recipients
18 receiving City funding of \$100,000 or more furnish the City with a
19 copy of an audit report meeting professional industry standards
20 within 120 days of the close of the recipient's fiscal year based
21 upon the City's fiscal year of October 1 through September 30;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the
24 manner in which businesses can operate and since mid-March, 2020,
25 the City has requested that businesses operate to the extent
26 possible with employees working from home and not opening business
27 buildings to employees, contract consultants or visitors; and

28 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the business approach to minimize
29 the least amount of contact between individuals, these public
30 service grant recipients have been unable to have their auditors
31 provide these auditing services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, without legislative action to extend the deadline,
2 these public service grant recipients whose audit reports are due
3 would be placed on the City's non-compliant list and their City
4 funding would be withheld; and

5 **WHEREAS**, now more than ever, public service grant recipients
6 need to be able to access public service grant funding to provide
7 services to those individuals and groups affected by the COVID-19
8 pandemic; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to extend the deadline for those
10 whose audit reports are due for a period of 90 days to allow the
11 grant recipients to be able to complete their audit requirements
12 while also allowing them to continue to serve the citizens of
13 Jacksonville during this difficult time; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1. Extending the Deadline for Compliance with**
16 **Section 118.201(f) (4) & (5).** The City of Jacksonville hereby
17 acknowledges the contract requirement and extends the period of
18 time outlined in Section 118.201(f)(4) & (5), Ordinance Code, to
19 extend the deadline for those public service grant recipients who
20 have audit reports due in April or May 2020 for an additional
21 ninety (90) days. The City of Jacksonville hereby acknowledges and
22 revises the contract requirement that the audit report be received
23 within 120 days of the close of recipient's fiscal year to provide
24 for a ninety (90) day extension, and directs the Grants Compliance
25 Officer to continue to monitor and administer the remaining grant
26 funds in accordance with the contracts.

27 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon**
28 **Introduction, Pursuant to Council Rules 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency
29 passage upon introduction is requested. The nature of the emergency
30 is that there are at least three public service grant recipients
31 who cannot receive any additional City funds until the deadline is

1 extended because they were unable to complete the audit reports due
2 to COVID-19. These recipients provide social services to
3 individuals and groups impacted by COVID-19 and need to be able to
4 continue to provide those services immediately during this pandemic
5 crisis.

6 **Section 3. 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: Paige H. Johnston

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