

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Gaffney and Hazouri and amended by the Rules Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-243-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 OF CARES
7 ACT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE
8 2020-235-E TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE COST
9 OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION FEE MORATORIUM
10 INSTITUTED FOR SIX MONTHS; PROVIDING FOR A
11 PURPOSE; REPEALING THE PORTION OF SECTION 3
12 (PURPOSE) OF ORDINANCE 2020-235-E REGARDING
13 THE APPROPRIATED \$5,000,000; AMENDING SECTION
14 6 OF ORDINANCE 2020-235-E REGARDING THE
15 MAYOR'S TRANSFER POWERS OF THE \$25,000,000 OF
16 COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDS; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
17 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
18 DATE.

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

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

25 (The account information is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**,
26 labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Acct Info, May 19, 2020 -
27 Rules", and incorporated herein by this reference)

28 (a) Appropriated from:

29 See attached **Revised Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000.00

30 (b) Appropriated to:

See attached **Revised Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000.00

(c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

\$5,000,000.00 is a portion of the Federal CARES Act grant funding received by the City from the Federal government pursuant to the CARES Act. These funds are being appropriated from the COVID-19 Economic Impact - City stimulus response funds and shall be placed in COVID-19 Economic Impact - City stimulus response funds to the Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief program to partially combat the economic impacts on individuals of the COVID-19 disease.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in section 1 is to allow for an additional 5,000 residents of Duval County to apply for the Mortgage, Rent and Utility Relief Program Grants (the "MRU Grants") in the amount of \$1,000 to approved applicants in accordance with the criteria attached as Exhibit 2 to Ordinance 2020-235 and incorporated herein by reference. The criteria include the requirements that: (i) the applicant reside in Duval County; (ii) have an annual household income of \$75,000 or lower at the time of application; (iii) must document employment and salary level as of February 29, 2020; (iv) applicant shall demonstrate that since February 29, 2020 he/she has experienced a reduction in work hours or pay of 25% or more as a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis; and (v) the applicant must sign an affidavit certifying the foregoing eligibility criteria.

Section 3. Repealing a portion of Section 3 of Ordinance 2020-235-E. The portion of Section 3 (Purpose) of Ordinance 2020-235-E that provided \$5,000,000 of CARES Act funds to fund the six-month Building Inspections Fee moratorium is hereby repealed. The fee moratoriums that impact the Building Inspection fund will be covered by available fund balance within the fund.

Section 4. Amending Section 6 of Ordinance 2020-235-E.

Section 6 (Waiving Section 106.304(b) and (c) (Mayor's transfer power), Subpart A. (General Provisions), Part 3 (Appropriations), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), Ordinance Code) of Ordinance 2020-235-E that waived the provisions of Chapter 106 (Budget and accounting Code), Part 3 (Appropriations), Subpart A (General Provisions), Section 106.304(b) and (c) (Mayor's transfer power) related to the \$25,000,000 designated to fund the costs of the fee moratoriums and other economic stimulus measures ("COVID-19 Response Funds") is hereby amended to reduce the Mayor's transfer authority for such purposes to \$20,000,000.

Section 5. Rule 4.901 Requesting one cycle Emergency Passage. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and immediate economic assistance is needed to maintain the viability of businesses and ease the financial needs of the citizens of Duval County impacted by COVID-19.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

Legislation prepared by: Susan C. Grandin

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