

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member R. Gaffney:
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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-732**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00 FROM
7 THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST
8 FUND, FUND 15304, 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; APPROVING, AND REQUESTING THE
12 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO
14 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
15 CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED; PROVIDING A
16 CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
17 YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, is an advisory body of the City
20 of Jacksonville that was formed to encourage and coordinate the
21 efforts of the various public and private entities that are
22 concerned with the conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree
23 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**, \$2,000,000.00 was appropriated to the Level 2 Program
30 through Ordinance 2019-880-E, and of that amount \$1,298,005.32 has
31 been expended or encumbered, leaving a balance of \$701,994.68 for

1 utilization in the Level 2 Program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, additionally, projects in the planning stages will
3 need approximately \$400,000.00 in funding to implement, so that
4 will leave a balance of only \$300,000.00; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission voted on October 21, 2020 to
6 recommend increasing the funding for the Level 2 Program by
7 \$2,000,000.00 due to the amount and scope of proposed new projects;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, as of November 16, 2020, the Tree Protection and
10 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, contained \$16,647,607.62
11 available to appropriate for the purpose of planting trees to
12 replace the tree canopy of the City that has been lost through the
13 process of land development, now therefore

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

15 **Section 1. Appropriation for the Level 2 Tree Planting**
16 **Program.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, within the City's budget,
17 there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
18 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
19 subsection (b):

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

22 (a) Appropriated from:

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

24 (b) Appropriated to:

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

26 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
27 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
28 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, for the Level 2
29 Tree Planting Program, administered by the Department of
30 Public Works.

31 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

1 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to work with
2 applicants that are individuals or groups to plant trees on public
3 property in Duval County.

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

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

14 a. In Duval County; and

15 b. On public property (i.e. a road right-of-way; a local,
16 state or national park; Duval County School Board
17 property, etc.); and

18 2. It is preferred, but not required, that the citizen or
19 organizations request be at least in a schematic format for
20 locations and species of trees proposed;

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

22 4. The Public Works Department certified City Arborist shall
23 approve the schematic design proposed, or generate a design
24 for implementation;

25 5. Upon receipt or generation of a schematic design for a
26 planting project, the Department of Public Works shall provide
27 a copy of same to the District Council Member representing the
28 location of the project;

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

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

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

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

14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Susan C. Grandin

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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