

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-385-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEPTIC TANK INCLUDING
6 DRAIN FIELD ("SEPTIC TANK") AND SEWER
7 CONNECTION GRANTS FOR "FOR PROFIT" BUSINESSES
8 AND "NOT FOR PROFIT" BUSINESSES IN THE
9 NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
10 AREA; AMENDING THE SEPTIC TANK REPAIR AND
11 REPLACEMENT AND SEWER CONNECTION GRANT PROGRAM
12 GRANT CRITERIA; AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL COUNSEL
13 TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
14 FAILING NON-RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM GRANT
15 PROCESS; REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS
16 DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
17 OVERSEE THE GRANT PROCESS AND PROGRAM; PROVIDING
18 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, in order to protect the environment and ensure that
21 wastewater is treated properly, installing a proper septic system
22 from the onset is crucial; and

23 **WHEREAS**, to aid with the cost, as well as promoting
24 environmentally secure septic systems while awaiting public sewer,
25 a number of government, state and local agencies offer grants to
26 help install new septic systems or repair existing ones; and

27 **WHEREAS**, grant money is awarded for specific need, in this
28 case to install or improve septic systems, and progress will likely
29 need to be monitored and recorded for the grants; and

30 **WHEREAS**, eligible projects may include repair or replacement
31 of septic tanks and drain fields for businesses whose systems are

1 in failure as determined by septic tank contractors, certified
2 plumbers or by other qualified persons as per subsection 64E-
3 6.004(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development funds
5 are intended to improve the economy within the area boundaries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the lack of infrastructure and strategic planning to
7 provide infrastructure causes businesses to move outside of the
8 area, thereby depleting the economy of the area;

9 **WHEREAS**, the Council in Ordinance 2018-196-E, enacted a grant
10 process and established criteria for the Northwest Economic
11 Development area entitled the "Failing Non-residential Septic Tank
12 System Grant Process" which was limited to commercial properties;
13 now therefore

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

15 **Section 1. Amending the Grant Criteria.** The amended
16 grant requirements for the repair and replacement of non
17 residential properties septic tanks and sewer connection, including
18 commercial and not for profit corporations, are found in "Failing
19 Non-residential Septic Tank System Grant Process" attached hereto
20 as **Exhibit 1.**

21 **Section 2. Authorizing the General Counsel to prepare an**
22 **Agreement in accordance with the Failing Non-residential Septic**
23 **Tank System Grant Process.** The Office of General Counsel is
24 authorized to prepare an agreement between the grant recipient and
25 the City of Jacksonville in compliance with Failing Non-residential
26 Septic Tank System Grant Process and the grant criteria contained
27 therein, as noted in **Exhibit 1.**

28 **Section 3. Bi-Annual report.** The Office of Economic
29 Development is requested to make a report bi-annually (twice
30 yearly) to the City Council concerning the use of the NWJED funds
31 for the septic tank system grant program, including the grant

1 recipient, address and amount of the grant and status of the grant
2 for each application.

3 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Public Works
4 Department shall provide oversight for the review of the completed
5 septic tank installation and repair and the Office of Economic
6 Development shall provide oversight of the grant application
7 process and program.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

15 Office of General Counsel

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