Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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ORDINANCE 2021-441-E

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AND/OR DISCLAIMING AN UNOPENED AND UNIMPROVED PORTION OF THE MILL AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ESTABLISHED IN THE PLAT OF WHITE CITY SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 71 OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 12, AT THE REQUEST OF WHITEHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE KINGS HOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC., SUBJECT TO RESERVATION UNTO THE CITY AND JEA OF AN ALL UTILITIES AND FACILITIES EASEMENT OVER CLOSED PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Closure and Abandonment. An unopened and unimproved portion of the Mill Avenue right-of-way established in the Plat of White City Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 71 of the current public records of Duval County, Florida, located in Council District 12, a description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby closed and abandoned and/or disclaimed as a right-of-way at the request of Whitehouse Assembly of God, Inc., formerly known as The Kings House Assembly of God, Inc., (the "Applicant"); provided however, there is

reserved unto the City and JEA an all utilities and facilities easement on, over, across, and under the closed right-of-way for ingress and egress and for all utilities and facilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, electric and drainage, so as to provide the City and JEA continued access to repair and maintain these utilities and facilities in the future. The Applicant paid the right-of-way closure application fee of \$2,091.00. This closure request was reviewed and approved by the various city, state, and utility agencies that might have an interest in the right-of-way and there were no objections to the Applicant's request.

Section 2. Purpose. The Applicant is requesting the closure in order to combine two parcels of property owned by the Applicant which abut the proposed closure area on either side. The Applicant intends to install a fence to prevent people from accessing and damaging the closure area and Applicant's properties and has expressed a desire to develop long term plans for future improvements to the combined parcels.

Section 3. Hold Harmless Covenant. The closure and abandonment by the City of its interests in the subject portion of the right-of-way is contingent upon Applicant's execution and delivery to the City of the Hold Harmless Covenant, in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by this reference. Accordingly, the closure and abandonment of the aforesaid right-of-way shall not be recorded in the official public records until execution and delivery to the City by the Applicant of the required Hold Harmless Covenant.

Section 4. Oversight. The Real Estate Division of the Department of Public Works shall oversee the closure request described herein.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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