Introduced by Council Member Crescimbeni and Co-sponsored by Council Members Newby and Boyer and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2019-89-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $1,000,000.00 FROM THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST FUND, SUBFUND 15F, FOR A COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM ENTITLED “LEVEL 2 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM” TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC LAND IN DUVAL COUNTY SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AND ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY; APPROVING, AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED; PROVIDING A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of Jacksonville formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the various public and private entities that are concerned with the conservation and enhancement of the City’s Tree Canopy, voted to recommend a tree planting program to be administered by Public Works, now therefore

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

Section 1. Appropriation for Tree Replacement Program.

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, within the City’s budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s)
listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as Revised Exhibit 1, labeled as “Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Account Info, March 4, 2019 - NCSPHS”, and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See attached Revised Exhibit 1 $1,000,000.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See attached Revised Exhibit 1 $1,000,000.00

(c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is to provide $1,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for a county-wide tree planting program, to be known as the “Level 2 Tree Planting Program,” to be administered by the Department of Public Works.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide $1,000,000.00 for the Level 2 Tree Planting Program to plant trees on public property in Duval County. The Level 2 Tree Planting Program funds will be expended in this way:

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

1. The location of the proposed planting must be:
   a. In Duval County; and
   b. On public property, such as a road right-of-way; a local,
state or national park; Duval County School Board property, etc.; and

2. The request shall be made on the form, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit 2, which will be available on the Tree Commission website;

3. It is preferred, but not required, that the request be at least in a schematic format for locations and species of tree;

4. The number of trees requested may not exceed 200;

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

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

7. The request shall be heard by the Tree Commission for a recommendation to the Mayor’s Budget Review Committee for approval; and

8. The project shall be administered by the Public Works Department which may be separately bid the project, or may utilize the City’s Continuous Tree Contractor.

Section 3. Oversight Department. The Public Works Department shall oversee the Program described herein. The trees that are planted, or removed as part of the project, shall be recorded electronically on Plan-it GEO, or its equivalent, and shall note the species and size of each, as well as the date of planting or removal, and this Ordinance number.

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

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/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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