Introduced by Council Member Matt Carlucci:

ORDINANCE 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTIONS 382.504 (COUNCIL APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS), 382.505 (CITY'S OBLIGATION TO FUND SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS) AND 382.506 (EFFECTIVE DATE), PART 5 (SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE), CHAPTER 382 (WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE BY CONTRACTORS AND CITY), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ESTABLISH REDUCTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS; REQUESTING COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND THE TOWN OF BALDWIN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Creating new Sections 382.504 (Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), 382.505 (City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions) and 382.506 (Effective Date), Part 5 (Solid Waste Service Fee), Chapter 382 (Waste Collection and Disposal Service by Contractors and City), Ordinance Code. Section 382.504 (Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), Section 382.505 (City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), and Section 506 (Effective Date), Part 5 (Solid Waste Service Fee), Chapter 382 (Waste Collection and Disposal Service by Contractors and City), Ordinance Code, are hereby created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 382 - WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE BY CONTRACTORS

AND CITY

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PART 5. - SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE

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Sec. 382.504. - Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions.

The City Council hereby authorizes a low-income solid waste assessment reduction as follows.

- (a) Low Income in Accordance with Federal Guidelines. If the dwelling unit on which the solid waste assessment is assessed is owned by an individual or family with an income level within 150 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2), then a solid waste assessment reduction in the amount of 100 percent of the solid waste assessment shall be granted.
- (b) Applications and Reports. Applications for reductions and self reporting under this Section shall be submitted consistent with Section 754.109, Ordinance Code.
- (c) Record keeping and reporting. On a City fiscal year basis, the Department of Public Works shall maintain records to show how the solid waste assessment reductions have been applied, and the Director of Public Works shall annually prepare a report to be presented to the Council and the Council Auditor each April 1 commencing in 2026.

Sec. 382.505 - City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions.

Annually, the City shall determine the total amount of those solid waste assessment reductions authorized by this Part and shall, in the annual budget, appropriate said total reductions within

the Solid Waste Fund.

Sec. 382.506 - Effective Date.

The low-income solid waste assessment reduction set forth in section 382.504 above shall become effective and begin with the 2025 calendar year assessment.

Section 2. Coordination with the City of Atlantic Beach, the City of Neptune Beach, the City of Jacksonville Beach, and the Town of Baldwin. The Council requests that the Mayor and the Office of General Counsel coordinate with the City of Atlantic Beach, the City of Neptune Beach, the City of Jacksonville Beach, and the Town of Baldwin to create a process for offering a similar or substantially similar discount, reduction or reimbursement for residential garbage collection fees for low-income households in these municipalities meeting the same criteria as set forth in Section 382.504, Ordinance Code. Each program would be subject to City Council approval and then would be funded by the City as part of the annual budget process.

Section 3. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to make the Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and changes to the Ordinance Code shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

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