

Ad Hoc Blight Committee Meeting February 19, 2015

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Joe Harris	Mt. Zion PB Church	1314 N. Myrtle Ave.	910-4567	pastor@mtzionpb.org
Joe Harris	Facilities	220	0820	jc@cojuctionnewhope.com
Joe Harris	Real Estate	31 B4a	255-5791	jc@cojuctionnewhope.com
John Harris	PD	220		
John Harris	City Council Dist 5			
John Harris	NEFAC		354-9138	john@cojuctionnewhope.com
John Harris	OCPS		354-2200	
John Harris	CTCOC			
John Harris	NSCBL	3416 Mainway	598-9196	john@cojuctionnewhope.com

Agenda

Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

February 19, 2015

10 a.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

Note about Parking: Those parked in the Library Parking garage can have parking validated at the end of the meeting. See Dan Macdonald at the end of the meeting.

Committee: E Denise Lee, Chair; Council Member Jim Love; Council; Council Member John Crescimbeni, Council Member Bill Bishop, Council Member Warren Jones, Council Member Bill Gulliford, and Council Member Greg Anderson.

Call to order

Approve minutes from February 4, 2015 meeting

Neighborhood Blight

- Discussion of Snipe Sign Legislation 2014-553 – CM Love
- Presentation of updated CDC coverage maps – Caleena Shirley, Housing Operations Manager
- Update on monies owed to the city by CDCs

Land Blight

- Report from Housing and Neighborhood -- CM Gulliford and CM Warren Jones
- Report on information provided to prospective new business owners about fee structure and required documents – Folks Huxford
- Report on the progress of the installation of LED street lights – Jim Robinson, Public Works
- Tire Buyback update – Paul Martinez

New Business

Public Comment and Complaints

Adjourn

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2014-0553

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Lee, Crescimbeni, Gulliford, Love and Jones:

Date of Introduction: August 12, 2014

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2014

Type of Action: Amending the Ordinance Code

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 741.107 (Violation of Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law) to increase the fines for snipe sign violations.

Background Information: The Special Ad Hoc Committee on Jacksonville's Neighborhood Blight voted unanimously at its duly noticed meeting on August 6, 2014 to increase the cost of snipe sign fines. Each piece of litter or separate snipe sign illegally placed on or affixed to public property shall be deemed a separate violation. The fines imposed are in addition to such attorneys' fees and costs as may be authorized by law.

Policy Impact Area: Ordinance Code, Intra-Governmental Affairs, Public Relations, Regulatory Compliance

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Mitchell

1 Introduced by Council Members Lee, Crescimbeni, Gulliford, Love and
2 Jones & Co-sponsored by Council President Yarborough:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2014-553**

6 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZERO TOLERANCE ON
7 LITTER; AMENDING SECTION 741.107 (VIOLATION OF
8 ZERO-TOLERANCE FOR LITTER LAW), CHAPTER 741
9 (ZERO TOLERANCE ON LITTER), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
10 INCREASE THE FINES FOR SNIPE SIGN VIOLATIONS;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Committee on Blight seeks to increase the
14 fines for snipe sign violations, and during its duly noticed
15 meeting on August 6, 2014, approved this Ordinance for introduction
16 to the Jacksonville City Council; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Amending Section 741.107 (Violation of Zero-**
19 **Tolerance for Litter Law), *Ordinance Code*.** Section 741.107
20 (Violation of Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law), Part 3 (Enforcement),
21 Chapter 741 (Zero Tolerance on Litter), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
22 amended to read as follows:

23 **Chapter 747. Zero Tolerance on Litter**

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25 **Part 3. Enforcement.**

26 **Sec. 747.107. Violation of Zero-Tolerance for Litter Law.**

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28 (c) Violations of this Section shall be unlawful and deemed a
29 civil infraction, and shall be subject to the civil fines set
30 forth in this subsection. Each piece of litter or separate
31 snipe sign that a person illegally places on or affixes to

1 public property in violation of this Section shall be deemed a
2 separate violation. The schedule for civil fines for
3 uncontested citations, which may be imposed under this Part
4 III, together with such attorneys' fees and costs as may be
5 authorized by law, shall be as follows:

Offense	Fine
1st	\$ 50 <u>\$150</u>
2nd	\$ 75 <u>\$300</u>
3rd	\$125 <u>\$500</u>
4th	\$250 <u>\$500</u>
5th and each thereafter	\$350 <u>\$500</u>

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7 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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RULES AMENDMENT

The Rules Committee offers its first amendment to File No. 2014-553:

- (1) On **page 1, line 10**, after "VIOLATIONS;" insert "PROVIDING FOR AN EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT;"
- (2) On **page 1, line 23**, strike "747" and insert "741";
- (3) On **page 1, line 26**, strike "747.107" and insert "741.107";
- (4) On **page 2, line 5 ½**, insert the following:

"For contested citations, there may be imposed a civil fine of up to \$500 per citation, plus such attorneys' fees and costs as may be authorized by law. ~~However, if a person affixes or otherwise places a snipe sign on a public utility pole and the bottom of which sign is at a height more than five feet above the prevailing ground level immediately adjacent to the utility pole then such act shall be punishable with an uncontested \$350 civil fine per citation, plus such attorneys' fees and costs as may be authorized by law. For purposes of this section, the term "ground level" shall mean the finished grade of a parcel of land exclusive of any filling, berming or mounding.~~";

- (5) On **page 2, line 6 ½**, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. Providing for an educational component.

Thirty (30) days in advance of the increase in fees, the Intra-Governmental Services Department shall provide for an educational component regarding the increase in fees. The Supervisor of Elections shall be encouraged to provide all candidates an educational statement regarding snipe signs,

which Intra-Governmental Services Department in conjunction with Regulatory Compliance Department shall provide.";

- (6) Renumber remaining Sections accordingly;
- (7) On **page 1, line 1**, amend the introductory sentence to add that the bill was amended as reflected herein.

Form Approved:

 /s/ Paige Hobbs Johnston
Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JACKSONVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT MEETING MINUTES

**February 4, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall
117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor
Lynwood Roberts Room**

Attendance: Council Members Denise Lee (Chair), Greg Anderson, Bill Gulliford, Warren Jones, and Jim Love

Excused: Council Member Bill Bishop and John Crescimbeni

Also: Cleveland Ferguson – Mayor's Office; Paige Johnston – General Counsel Office; Dan Macdonald – ECA Dist. 8; Robert Campbell – Office of Council Auditor's; Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

Council Member Gulliford called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The meeting began with introductions from the committee and attendees.

Minutes

Motion/2nd Move to approve January 22nd –Gulliford/Love (5-0)

Neighborhood Blight

1. JSO Inmate Crews Status and Camera Update – Chief Pat Ivey

Chief Ivey reported that Department of Corrections made changes regarding utilization of inmate crews supervised by non-sworn officers in certain areas. The supervisors have reported an increase of contraband and gang activity. It should be noted that services were never stopped in the designated areas; however, the crews with civilian supervisors were discontinued. Chief Ivey stated an agreement has been reached for Public Works to continue utilizing inmate crews. There must be a .25 mile buffer on both sides of the designated area; and proper notifications must be made to JSO to provide law enforcement officers, if needed.

The first surveillance camera should be installed by February 15th. The cameras will be strategically placed throughout Jacksonville in high crime areas and illegal dumping sites. The top twenty dumping

sites have been under observation the past thirty days by JSO. Each zone has been assigned officer(s) specifically tasked with detailing occurrences and forwarding information for immediate action. Mr. Robinson and Chief Ivey commented that communication has increased in regards to handling illegal dumping and cross agency collaboration.

2. Best Practices and Procedures for Neighborhood Organizations – Elaine Spencer & Darrell Griffin
Mrs. Spencer explained that an extensive research was conducted on various jurisdictions pertaining to their best practices and procedures in neighborhood organization development. It should be noted that Jacksonville was repeatedly listed as a City with best practices in this area; however, many of the programs no longer exist due to lack of funding. Mrs. Spencer highlighted key practices from Des Moines, Iowa; Madison, Wisconsin; and Orange County, Florida that could be additional initiatives for Jacksonville.

Mr. Griffin concluded the presentation providing detail information on developing; benefits and challenges; and maintaining interest of neighborhood organizations. There are a total of 236 registered neighborhood associations in Jacksonville. Currently, the Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) has six (6) Planning Districts with three (3) neighborhood coordinators that assist residents with a variety of services and provide support to neighborhood associations, community organizations and CPACs. HCDD future activities include quarterly neighborhood association start-up workshops; reestablishing a CommUniverCity which provide training opportunities for new and existing neighborhood organizations and community leaders; establishing quarterly Community Development Corporation/CHDO roundtable meetings; and revamping HCDD website to include neighborhood information sharing, education and event posting.

The committee requested that HCDD partner with Park, Recreation and Community Services to coordinate planned activities in parks to engage more neighborhood involvement.

Assignments:

Darrell Griffin – revise p.8 provide list of “others”

Darrell Griffin – revise p.9 to show the Council Districts larger

3. CDC Coverage maps presentation- Caleena Shirley
Ms. Shirley reviewed the individual CDC coverage maps in relation to Council Districts. It was mentioned that Council District boundaries will change July 1st which will impact CDC coverage areas. There were a couple of revisions mentioned by HabiJax and Helpful Citizens. Ms. Angela Leatherbury commented that HabiJax’s coverage area excludes a portion of Jacksonville Beach. Helpful Citizens stated the coverage area was Council Districts 7-9.

CM Lee suggested CDCs obtain a copy of the top blighted and crime areas to compare with their coverage areas to gain additional information to assist in the neighborhoods.

Assignment:

Caleena Shirley – review coverage areas with each CDC prior to next meeting and resubmit maps

Land Blight

4. Rental Rehab Loan Program - CM Gulliford & Teresa Eichner
Ms. Eichner commented the subcommittee met to discuss how Rental Rehab functioned in the past and a future plan that focuses on single family residences and multi-family dwellings. Additional dialogue consisted of brainstorming ideas of potential partners or funding sources along with expanding usage of funds to assist the elderly population.

Assignment:

CM Gulliford & Jones – Co-chairs, Neighborhood & Housing Subcommittee

5. Vacant Property Registry – CM Gulliford

The registry is a database created to track all foreclosed properties in the City. Although the City has a \$150 one-time fee to register a property, Jacksonville does not have an annual renewal fee. The current amount in the registry is \$1.5 million. CM Gulliford explained that the registry could be used as a permanent and liable source to addressing foreclosures and improving neighborhoods.

6. Foreclosure and Zombie Properties Status Report – CM Jones

CM Jones reported the City is undergoing a review of its inventory to determine any properties that may be listed may have a zombie status. There have been several properties identified to proceed with getting them ready to be utilized by CHDOs to get occupied. The information provided from this point will be presented through the Neighborhood & Housing subcommittee.

Assignment:

CM Gulliford & Jones – present draft legislation within 30days

7. Update on new process for obtaining a business tax receipt – Folks Huxford

Mr. Huxford reported that the new procedure of obtaining a COU prior to receiving a business license has been 100% effective since implementation in August 2014. In the event, a customer demands to pay business tax without a COU, a flyer is provided detailing the requirements necessary prior to opening their business. **CM Lee requested a copy of the flyer be presented to the committee.**

Assignments:

Cleveland Ferguson – inquire about the distribution of the flyer at Tax Collector's Office

Dan Macdonald – add presentation by Folks Huxford/Tax collector at next meeting

Folks Huxford – get representative from Tax Collector's Office at next meeting

8. Form letters for departments regarding blight issues – Robert Prado and Jim Robinson

Mr. Prado presented the form letters that Municipal Code will begin to utilize with internal City divisions and outside governmental agencies regarding proper documentation of C.A.R.E. issues and other code violations. Similar form letters will be used for the Mowing and Landscape Division. A notice will be posted that political campaign signs will not be accepted at the Tire Buyback & Snipe Sign event.

Assignment:

Jim Robinson – change RE: to read "C.A.R.E. Number"

New Business

None

Items for Next Meeting

Presentation from Folks Huxford and Tax Collector office

Present Revised CDC maps

LED Lights – Renee Goode

Public Comments

Mr. Paul Tutwiler inquired about sunshine issues if Council members appointed citizens to an advisory board.

Mr. Paul Martinez announced that the winner of the Naming the Blight Mascot Contest will receive an Ipad.

Ms. Mildred Johnston is concerned about the quality of service or lack thereof from the contractors mowing reported properties. Additionally, she is against continuous reporting of same property when there should be a process to regular maintenance.

Ms. Janice Hightower expressed her concerns regarding the dim street lights in the neighborhood.

Mr. Mark Anino mentioned the collection of the COU tax and business tax is an on-going problem in a lot of Cities; many of them send out representatives door-to-door to assist with obtaining funds.

Due to the upcoming holiday, the next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lynwood Roberts room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Yvonne P. Mitchell, Council Research Division (904) 630-1679

Posted 02.05.15 2:00 p.m.



DUVAL COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Michael Corrigan

www.coi.net/tc
taxcollector@coi.net

Local Business Tax Information:

David Suchey, Manager

904-630-1916, Opt #3 (Phone); 904-630-1432 (Fax)

Office Location: 231 E Forsyth St, Ste 130

Items Required for Local Business Tax Application:

- ☐ Articles of Incorporation and/or Fictitious Name Registration
- ☐ Picture Identification (Driver's License)
- ☐ Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number

Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations; 850-245-6052 (Incorporation); 850-245-6058 (Fictitious Name); www.sunbiz.org

Internal Revenue Service
800-829-4933; www.irs.gov

City of Jacksonville Required Item(s):

- ☐ Tangible Personal Property (Required)
- ☐ Certificate of Use (Required)
-OR-
Home-Based Businesses (Disclosure statement required)
- ☐ Mobile Vendors, Vendor Permit
- ☐ Public Service Tax (Gas, Fuel Oil, Propane, Water, Electric Sales/Providers)
- ☐ Tourist Development Tax (Hotels, Motels, Rental Properties)

Property Appraiser's Office
904-630-1964; 231 E Forsyth St, Ste 330

Zoning Section, Development Services
904-255-8300; 214 N Hogan St, 2nd floor

Tax Collector
904-630-1916, Opt #3; 231 E Forsyth St

Tax Collector
904-630-2022; 231 E Forsyth St, Ste 212

Tax Collector
904-630-2022; 231 E Forsyth St, Ste 212

State Regulated Professional and Business Contact Information:

- ☐ Current State Certificate- Building Contractors, Cosmetology/Barber Shops
- ☐ Child Care Facilities, Child Caring Agencies
- ☐ Food Permit in Institutional Settings
- ☐ Food Permit for Whole-Sale Operations, Convenience Stores, Grocery Stores, Processing Operations, etc.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
850-487-1395

Department of Children and Families
904-723-2000; 5920 Arlington Expwy

Department of Health 850-245-4277

Department of Agriculture
850-245-5520; www.freshfromflorida.com/fs

REMINDER: If you have not already done so, contact the Duval County Property Appraiser's Office to establish a Tangible Personal Property Account for your new business: (904)630-1964

- ☐ Public Lodging and Food Service Establishments
- ☐ Sales of Alcohol or Tobacco
- ☐ Travel, Motor Vehicle Repair, Telemarketing, Pawn Shops, Health Studios, Moving Services, etc.
- ☐ Nursing Homes, Home Health Care

Department of Hotels and Restaurants
850-487-1395; 4161 Carmichael Ave, 3300 Bldg, Ste 254B (Local)

Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
 904-727-5552; 4161 Carmichael Ave, 3300 Bldg, Ste 200A

Florida Division of Consumer Services
800-435-7352; www.800helpfla.com

Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
888-419-3456; www.ahca.myflorida.com

Other Useful Contact Information:

- ☐ Sales Tax Information/ Resale Certificates
- ☐ Worker's Compensation Information
- ☐ Building and Sign Permits
- ☐ Construction Industry Information
- ☐ Business Development/Small Business Assistance
- ☐ Helpful Business Information in Jacksonville
- ☐ Local Events and Entertainment
- ☐ Automobile Dealer's License
- ☐ Adult Entertainment Industry
- ☐ Special Use Permits

Department of Revenue
904-359-6070; 921 N Davis St, Ste 250, A

Florida Department of Financial Services,
 Division of Worker's Compensation
 904-798-5806; 921 N Davis St, Ste 250, B

City of Jacksonville, Planning and Development Department
 904-630-1100; 214 N Hogan St, Rm 273

Construction Trades Board
 904-630-2657; 231 E Forsyth St, Ste 410

Office of Economic Development
 904-630-1858; 117 W Duval St, Ste 275

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Small Business Center
904-366-6618; 3 Independent Dr., www.myjaxchamber.com

City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events
 904-630-3690; 117 W Duval St, Ste 280;
www.makeascenedowntown.com

Florida Department of Motor Vehicles
 904-924-1524 3200 Armsdale Rd, 32218

City of Jacksonville Vice Squad
 904-630-2163

City of Jacksonville Department of Recreation and Community Services
 904-255-7907; 214 N Hogan St

Other City/County Contact Information:

Atlantic Beach	904-247-5800
Baldwin	904-266-5030
Clay	904-269-6320
Jacksonville Beach	904-247-6250

Nassau	904-261-5566
Neptune Beach	904-270-2400
Orange Park	904-264-2635
St. Johns	904-209-2250

LBT NOT Required for: Religious Institutions, Educational Institutions and Charitable Non-Profit Institutions

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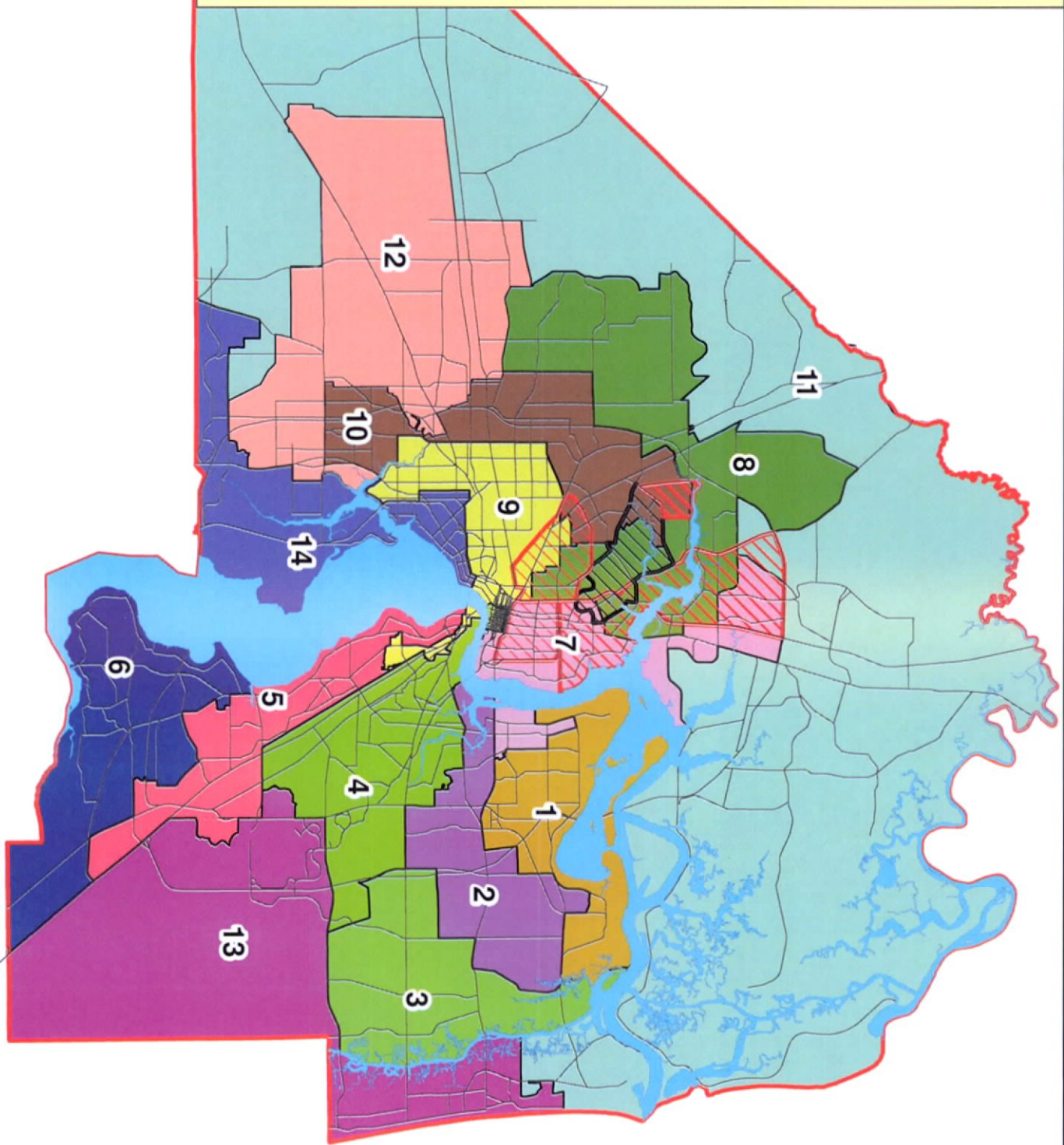
City of Jacksonville's Community Development Corporations



Legend

- Major Roads
 - Northwest Jacksonville
 - Wealth Watchers
 - Grace and Truth
 - Metro North
 - Operation New Hope
 - CDCC / Habijax / Helpful Citizens
- Council District**

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City of Jacksonville's Community Development Corporations - Community Development Coalition Corp. / Habijax / Helpful Citizens



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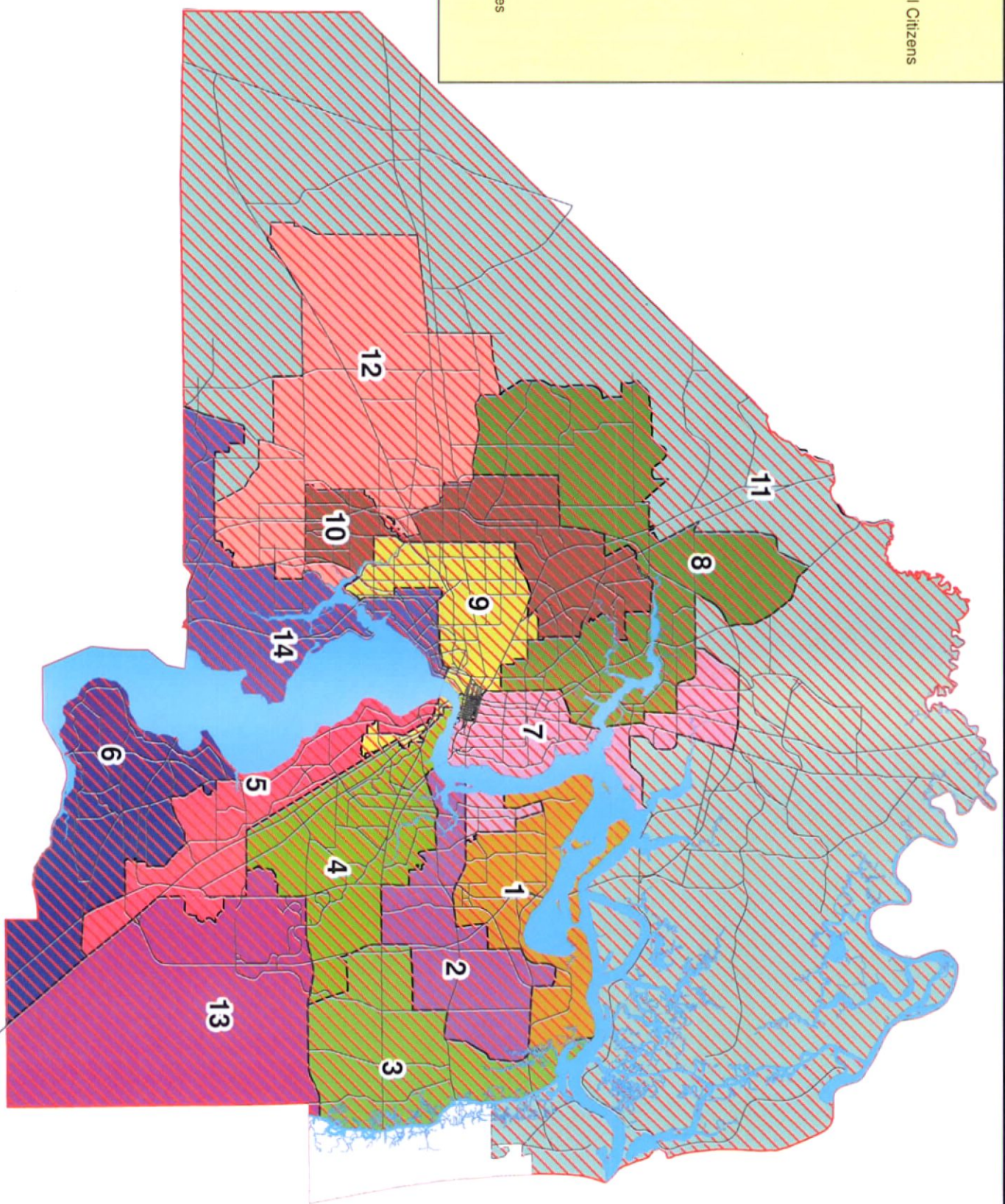
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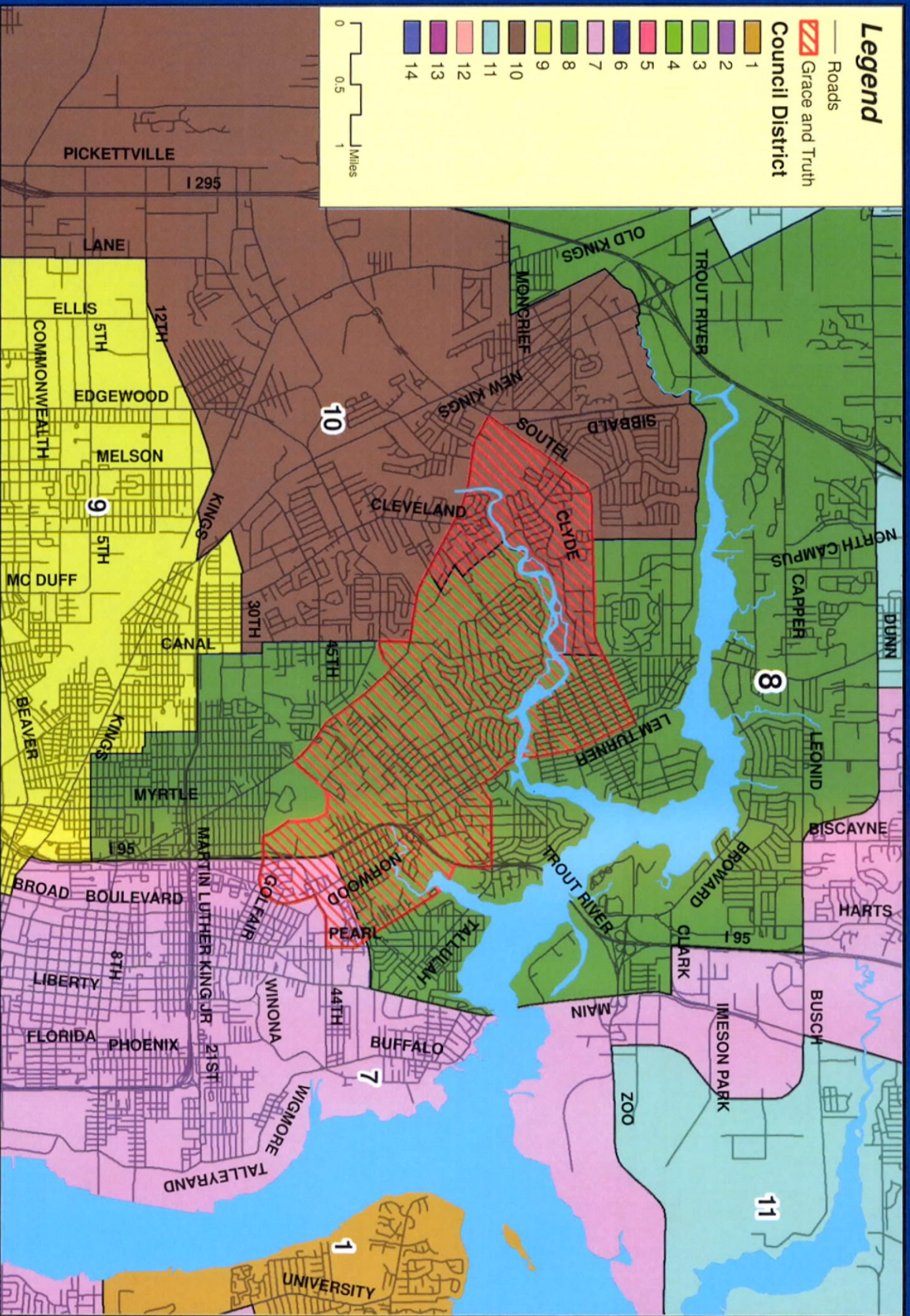
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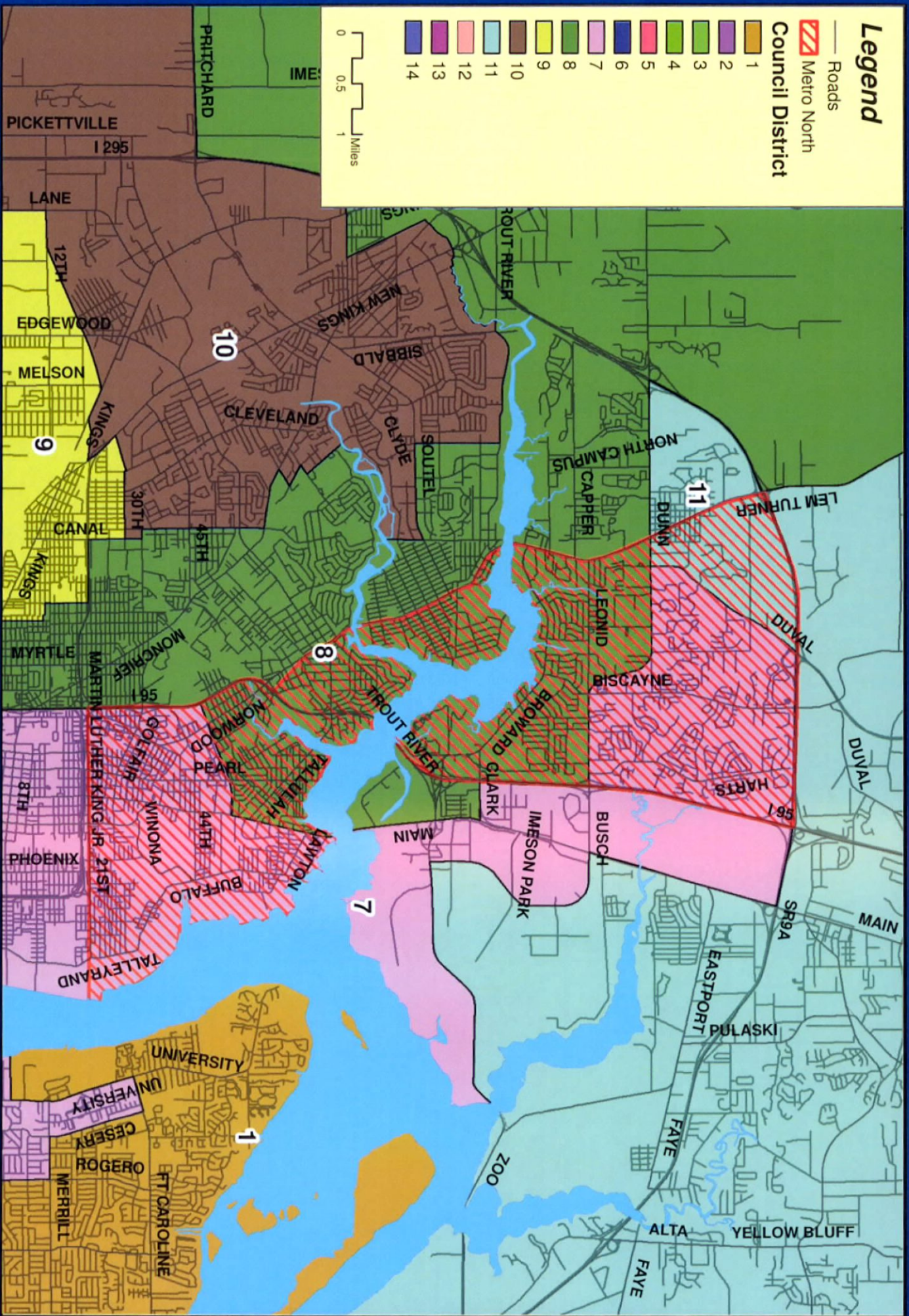
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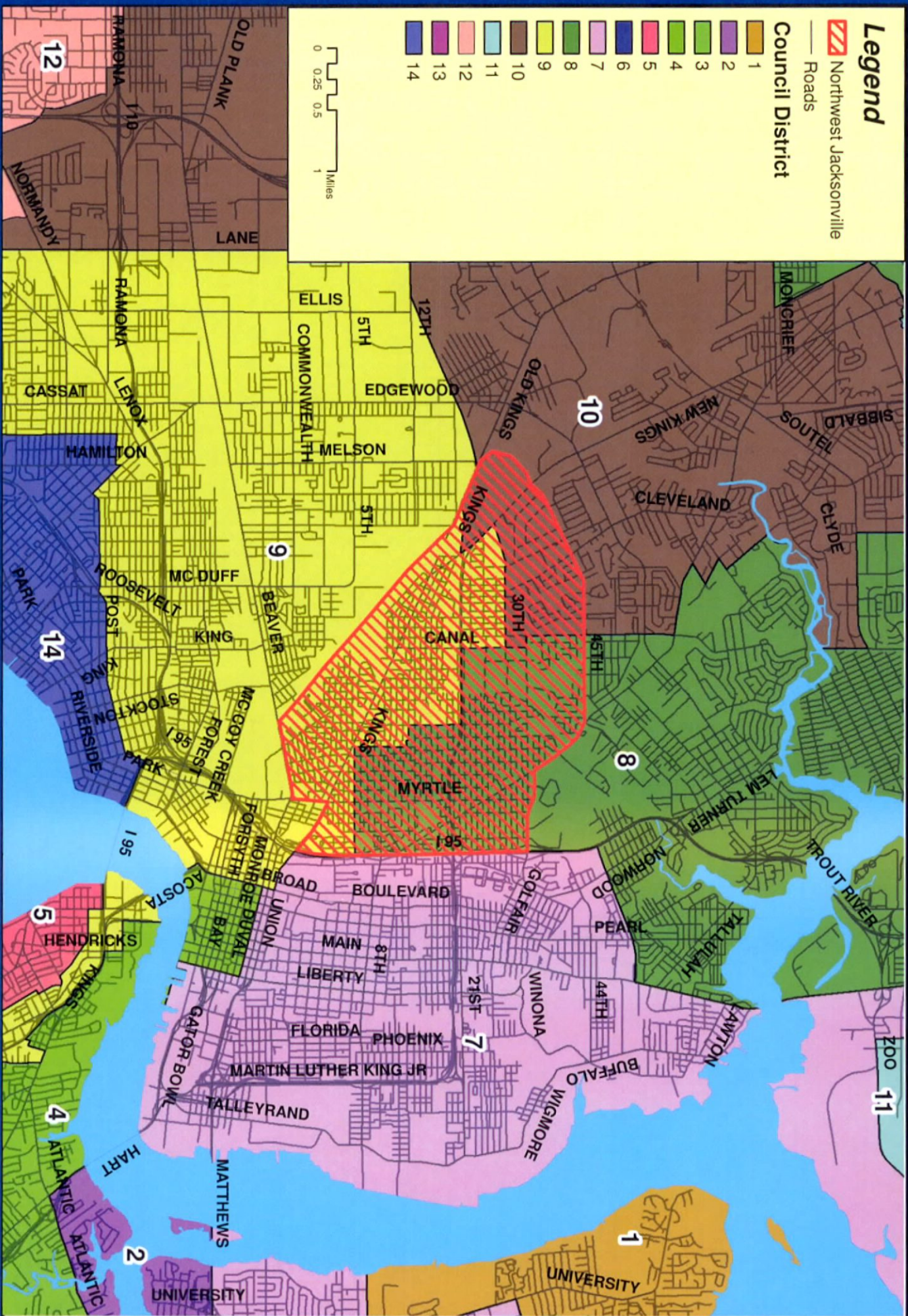


City of Jacksonville's Community Development Corporations - Grace and Truth CDC

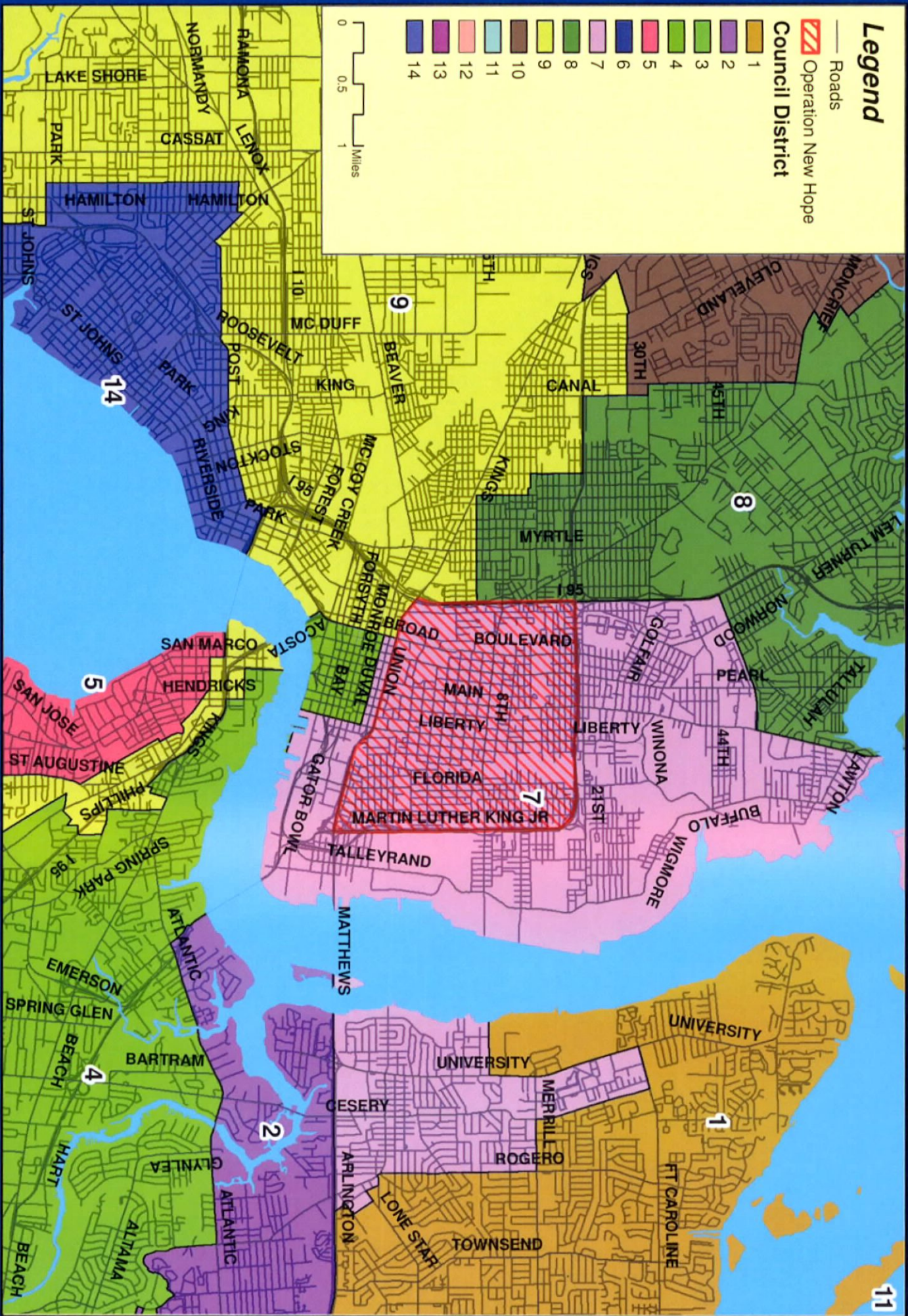


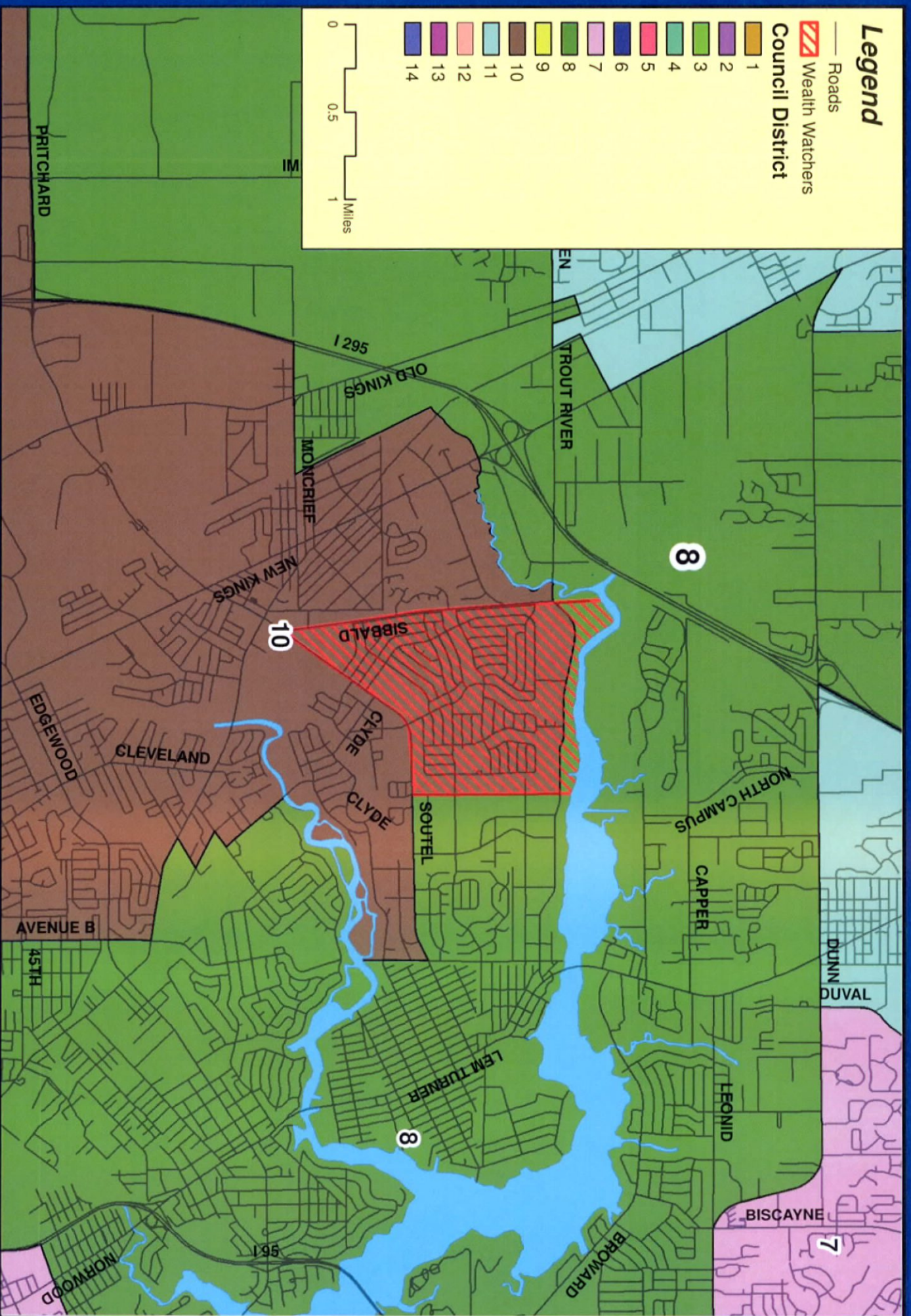
City of Jacksonville's Community Development Corporations - Metro North CDC





City of Jacksonville's Community Development Corporations - Operation New Hope CDC







Blight Public Awareness Campaign

Aleizha Batson, Deputy Director of Communications

Paul Martinez, Director of Intra-Governmental Services

February 22, 2015



- 1. JEA Participation (Bill Inserts)**
- 2. Approval of Tire Buy Back Poster**
- 3. Approval of Name the Mascot flyer**
- 4. Approval of Dates**



March 4th Press Conference

10am or 11am?

- Introduction of APP**
- Introduction of BUS**
- Introduction of Character Contest**



- **March 13th**
Entries Due for Costume Name
- **March 28th**
Tire Buy Back
- **April 8th**
Mascot Contest Winner announced at Blight Meeting

My JEA Utility Tracker

For Art Speight, his wife Carrie and their children Hunter, 10, and Sky, 6, keeping track of energy usage is a family affair.

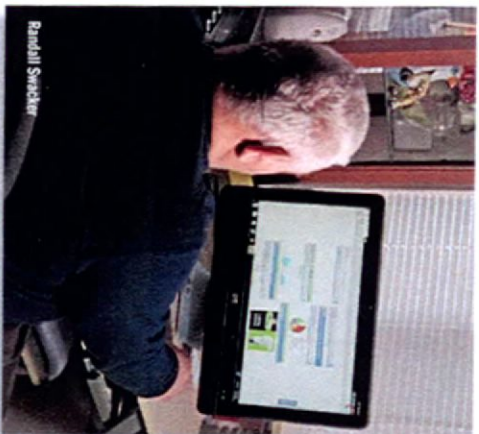
Art monitors the family's daily energy usage with a handy online tool called My JEA Utility Tracker. "I've actually become a little O.C.D. with it, to tell you the truth," Art said. "I log on twice a day to see how much energy we're using."

Art says the kids have learned to take shorter showers, which saves water and the energy used to make hot water, and everyone's learned to turn off lights and ceiling fans when they leave a room. He figures the Tracker, along with a new smart thermostat, is saving his family \$689 a year in utility costs.

"That's a significant savings," Art said.

Tammlyn Joeger is another fan of JEA's Tracker. She recently moved to Jacksonville from Hudson Valley, New York. "The utility company up there didn't have a free tool like this," she said. She likes the feature that gives her a running total of her billing amount. Tammlyn also watches how many loads of laundry she does. "The Tracker goes through the roof when I do laundry," she said. "And when we run the heat."

Because of the Tracker, **Randall Swacker** can tell you to the penny how much it costs to run his dishwasher (.39 cents a load) or take a shower (.08 or .09 cents for an 8 - 10 minute shower.)



Randall Swacker

Swacker likes to conduct experiments with his Tracker. He unplugged a full upright freezer, checked the Tracker and realized it cost him about \$26 a month. "There was no way I could buy enough food to store in that freezer and save \$26 a month, so I got rid of it," he said.

Start saving. Access your My JEA Utility Tracker at jea.com/tracker.



The City of Jacksonville is buying back old tires and used signs on **Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Everbank Field Lot J. Earn \$2 per tire up to 10 tires and 50 cents per sign up to 40 signs. Call **630-CITY** for more.



With tax season upon us remember any energy efficiency improvements you made to your home in 2014 could mean you qualify for a tax credit. Learn more at energystar.gov.



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- Let JEA MyBudget help you manage your bill every month. Learn more at jea.com/mybudget.
- JEA AutoPay is an automatic bill payment program. Learn more at jea.com/autopay.
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Join us **Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m.** for Q&A with JEA on **Newslink WOXY 104.5 FM**

March Radio Shows

- 3/7/14**
Daylight Saving Time signals a time change and a change in watering restrictions.
- 3/14/14**
Become LandSmart with this free JEA program offered to JEA customers with irrigation systems.
- 3/21/14**
Planting the right plant in the right place can save your plants and your water.
- 3/28/14**
Don't flush your hard-earned money down the drain. We'll discuss the most common leaks and how to fix them.

April Radio Shows

- 4/4/14**
Safe digging is no accident. We are discussing why you need to call before you dig.
- 4/11/14**
A JEA licensee will be taking your calls about power maintenance and restoration.

Missed a show? You can listen to it online at jea.com/radioshows.

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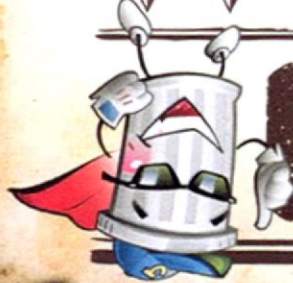
50¢ PER SIGN UP TO 40 SIGNS

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Vacant Property Registry Comparison (Prepared by HCDD Staff 2/17/15)

Municipality	Registration Requirements (R=Required, N=Not Required)				Inspection Requirements		Fee	Renewal Term	Language Related to Fee Use Found in Ordinance / Jurisdiction Use of Fee
Broward County Population – 1.839 million		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	*Noncompliance fee -\$250, 1 st offense, \$500 each additional	Annual	Not defined in ordinance. Funds returned to General Fund per county representative.	
	Pre-Filing	N	R	N/A	N/A				
	Post-Filing	N	R	N/A	Bi-weekly				
	REO	N	R	N/A	Bi-weekly				
Clay County Population – 196,399		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$200	Annual	Not defined in ordinance. Funds returned to General Fund per county representative.	
	Pre-Filing	N	R	Monthly	As Needed/ Regular				
	Post-Filing	N	R	Monthly	As Needed/ Regular				
	REO	R	R	As Needed/ Regular					
Deltona City Population – 86,290		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$300	Annual	50/50 Split between General Fund and Police & Fire Department (of which the Code Enforcement Division is a part of), per city representative.	
	Pre-Filing	R	R	Monthly	30 Days				
	Post-Filing	R	R	Monthly	30 Days				
	REO	R	R	30 Days					
Hillsborough County Population – 1.292 million		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$200 initial \$100 per/yr. thereafter	Annual	Not defined in ordinance. Funds returned to General Fund and noted as Code Enforcement Department revenue, per county representative.	
	Pre-Filing	N	N	Monthly	Monthly				
	Post-Filing	R	R	Monthly	Monthly				
	REO	R	R	Monthly					
Miami-Dade County Population – 2.617 million		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$125* *Noncompliance fee - \$500	Per Registration (One time)	Not defined in ordinance. Funds return to the Code Enforcement Department. Currently a task force is considering specifying where funds will go within the Code Enforcement Department and/ or towards bringing properties into compliance where the ownership is unknown.	
	Pre-Filing	N	R	N/A	N/A				
	Post-Filing	N	R	N/A	N/A				
	REO	N	R	N/A	N/A				
Orange County								No registry at this time, municipality is currently researching options and considering development of a registry program.	
Palm Beach County Population – 1.372 million		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$150	Annual	Registry funds “shall be for the purpose of enforcement of the Palm Beach County Property Maintenance Code, Florida Building Code and other related property codes. ”	
	Pre-Filing	R	R	Quarterly	60 days				
	Post-Filing	R	R	Quarterly	60 days				
	REO	R	R	60 days					
Pasco County Population – 475,520		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$150	Annual	Fee is split 80/20 between Development Services Division and General Fund	
	Pre-Filing	R	R	Monthly	Monthly				
	Post-Filing	R	R	Monthly	Monthly				
	REO	R	R	Not Required					
"Jacksonville/Duval" City/County Population – 842,583		Occupied	Vacant	Occupied	Vacant	\$150	Per Registration (One time)	Registry funds are used “for the costs of registration and enforcement and protection against and removal of blight and real property deterioration. Funds are “dedicated to the cost of implementation and enforcement of this ordinance and any registries so required.”	
	Pre-Filing	R	R	N/A	As Needed /Regular Basis				
	Post-Filing	R	R	As Needed /Regular Basis	As Needed/ Regular Basis				
	REO	R	R	As Needed/Regular					

Vacant Property Registration/ Foreclosure Dashboard

Communities	Estimated Active Foreclosures (Not Confirmed)	Property Registrations				Non-Compliant Registration Cases (Not Confirmed)						Non-Compliant Registration Cases (Confirmed)						Total Non-Compliant Registration Cases					
		Initial	Renewal	Transfer	Total	Candidates	Initial	Renewal	Transfer	Total	Initial	Renewal	Transfer	Total	Initial	Renewal	Transfer	Total	Candidates	Initial	Renewal	Transfer	Total
Clay County	4,074	4,242	1,399	57	5,698	650	73	904	-	1,627	1,411	243	128	1,782	1,411	243	128	1,782	650	2,895	1,390	256	5,191
Hillsborough County	20,713	33,698	1,939	66	35,703	16,000	198	20,795	-	36,993	2,529	3,856	500	6,885	107	443	1	551	16,000	2,834	25,094	501	44,429
Lee County	7,584	4,436	378	97	4,911	75	102	853	1	1,031	1,650	317	333	2,300	276	453	4	733	75	2,028	1,623	338	4,064
Manatee County	5,044	758	-	14	772	1,649	30	-	-	1,679	133	-	29	162	74	-	-	74	1,649	237	-	29	1,915
Palm Beach County	16,250	27,715	16,929	416	45,060	9,320	966	9,543	-	19,829	275	1,113	218	1,606	4,443	2,704	321	7,468	9,320	5,684	13,360	539	28,903
Pasco County	14,354	26,863	19,775	691	47,329	8,019	500	6,589	-	15,108	276	1,076	212	1,564	892	1,608	339	2,839	8,019	1,668	9,273	551	19,511
City of Deltona	2,919	1,334	-	11	1,345	2,616	11	-	-	2,627	55	-	11	66	168	-	11	179	2,616	234	-	22	2,872
City of Jacksonville	19,137	36,942	-	515	37,457	10,098	1,661	-	2	11,761	718	-	334	1,052	2,686	-	404	3,090	10,098	5,065	-	740	15,903

Communities	Total Properties Required to Register (Estimated)	Total Properties Registered
Clay County	3,500	5,698
Hillsborough County	26,000	35,703
Lee County	5,000	4,911
Manatee County	3,000	772
Palm Beach County	23,000	45,060
Pasco County	16,000	47,329
City of Deltona	2,600	1,345
City of Jacksonville	19,000	37,457

Total Foreclosures			Foreclosures Sold			Foreclosures Expired			Active Foreclosures		
Jacksonville City			55,681			12,506			24,088		
All Communities in Duval County			58,174			12,946			25,324		
Hillsborough County			54,747			9,287			24,899		
All Communities in Hillsborough County			84,470			14,161			39,765		
Lee County			47,348			11,593			28,232		
All Communities in Lee County			90,090			23,248			52,752		
Palm Beach County			44,037			7,225			20,682		
All Communities in Palm Beach County			109,716			17,118			55,177		
Total Foreclosures			Foreclosures Sold			Foreclosures Expired			Active Foreclosures		