

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-467

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: June 11, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: June 13, 2024

Type of Action: Closing and abandonment of a portion of right-of-way; providing for approval subject to conditions

Bill Summary: This bill closes and abandons an opened and improved portion of the Panther Creek Parkway right-of-way, established in the Plat of Panther Creek Phase One, in Council District 12 at the request of Panther Creek Preserve, LLC, subject to reservation unto the City of Jacksonville and JEA of an all utilities, facilities, and access easement and reservation.

The bill authorizes the execution of a hold harmless agreement between the City and Panther Creek Preserve, LLC, provided that no permanent vertical building improvements lying within the property impede the City and JEA's use of their reserved easement rights. The closure and abandonment of this portion of right-of-way are contingent upon the applicant's execution and delivery to the City a hold harmless agreement, which protects the City from liability for any injuries resulting from use of the property.

Background Information: The Applicant has requested the closure to construct a passive park that will serve the Panther Creek community. The Applicant paid the right-of-way closure application fee of \$2,091, and this amount has been deposited into the General Fund. The 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.

Policy Impact Area: Right-of-way closure

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to City

Analyst: Webb