

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-712

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, LUZ

Date of Analysis: September 12, 2019

Type of Action: Withdrawal from Interlocal agreement

Bill Summary: The bill directs the City to withdraw from its membership in the Northeast Florida Regional Council effective September 30, 2019 and directs the Chief of Legislative Services to send certified copies of the withdrawal resolution to the Regional Council and to the Chairperson or chief elected official of each of the other NEFRC participating governments.

Background Information: The Northeast Florida Regional Council (formerly the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council) is one of 10 regional councils that encompass the entire state of Florida, and is comprised of 7 counties - Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns. The regional councils were authorized by state law and the NEFRC established by the participating counties via Interlocal agreement in 1977. The purpose of the council, as provided in the state law, is to "...establish an organization that will promote area-wide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state, and local governments ensuring a broad based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective and enhance the ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries."

Participating counties support the work of the NEFRC through the payment of dues assessments based on their population (\$0.41 per capita) and through contracts with the council for particular service provisions. The council also receives state contracts to operate programs on the state's behalf in this region and applies for state and federal grants.

Policy Impact Area: Regional Planning Council membership

Fiscal Impact: The City's contribution to the NEFRC for FY19-20 was budgeted at \$360,000.

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