

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2022-215

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

Date of Introduction: March 22, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, JWC

Date of Analysis: March 22, 2022

Type of Action: Lease agreement authorization and designation of oversight agencies

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease between the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville University and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The Lessee will pay an initial annual lease fee of \$4,960.10 and a 25% surcharge plus sales tax. The annual lease fee for the remaining years of the Lease will be adjusted pursuant to the provisions of 18-21.011, *Florida Administrative Code*. The initial term of the Lease is ten years commencing on September 21, 2021 and is renewable at the sole option of the Lessor. The Real Estate Division of the Department of Public Works will provide initial oversight of the acquisition, execution and recording of the Lease; the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will thereafter provide oversight of the Lease and the docking facility.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to secure submerged land for the construction and operation of a four-slip (10,065 square foot) commercial docking facility on the St. Johns River in the Mayport community, in Council District 13. The docking facility will be used for mooring of commercial vessels and to support the OCEARCH vessel at Jacksonville University, commercial fishermen, and local charter fishing and recreational vessels. OCEARCH is a nonprofit dedicated to the study and tracking of keystone marine species such as great white sharks and tiger sharks. Jacksonville University and OCEARCH have a cooperative partnership to promote student opportunities for experiential learning and scientific research.

Policy Impact Area: Submerged Lands Lease – OCEARCH docking facility in Mayport

Fiscal Impact: Initial annual lease fee of \$4,960.10 and a 25% surcharge plus sales tax

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