

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: 2019-886

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2019

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

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation \$2,000,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the 630-CITY Tree Planting Program, also known as the Level 1 Tree Planting Program. As of November 15, 2019, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, contained \$19,455,297. The Public Works Department will provide program oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to plant trees to replace the tree canopy of the City that has been lost through the process of land development. The Department of Public Works will plant trees within public rights-of-way in Duval County in locations where adjacent property owners have requested trees by calling (904) 630-CITY. The appropriated funds will be expended with the following requirements:

- When a residential property owner enlists the help of the City through “630-CITY” asking for a new tree to be installed in the right-of-way adjacent to their property, the Department of Public Works may use Subfund 15F to install a tree approved in accordance with the “Approved Trees for City Right-of-Way Landscaping and Parks”
- The location and species must be approved by a City Arborist
- The request may not exceed 2 trees within a one (1) year period per property owner request, unless otherwise approved by the Tree Commission

Policy Impact Area: 630-CITY Tree Planting Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$2,000,000

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