

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0559

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Dennis

Date of Introduction: September 8, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: September 8, 2020

Type of Action: Creating a new Chapter of the Ordinance Code

Bill Summary: The bill adds a new Chapter to the Ordinance Code as Chapter 797 – Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. The fee will be used for waterway improvements and will take effect on January 1, 2021. The following Sections are added to the Chapter:

- Sec. 797.101.- Local option vessel registration fee.
- Sec. 797.102.- Purpose of the local option vessel registration fee.
- Sec. 797.103.- Manner of collection.
- Sec. 797.104.- Territorial application.

Background Information: Pursuant to the authority in Section 328.66, Florida Statutes, and beginning on January 1, 2021 for all new and renewal registrations, the City of Jacksonville hereby imposes a local option registration fee on vessels registered within Duval County. Beginning on January 1, 2021, any and all vessels required to register with the State of Florida that obtain such registration in Duval County will pay a Duval County Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. Such registration fee will be in addition to the fees paid to the state and will be an annual recurring fee in the amount of fifty (50) percent of the applicable state fee provided under Section 328.72(1), Florida Statutes.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville waterways, boating related activities

Fiscal Impact: The monies collected, minus \$1.00 per registration fee that will be deposited into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund, will be used for the purpose of providing funding for patrol, regulation and maintenance of the lakes, rivers and waters and for boating relating activities within Duval County pursuant to Section 328.66, Florida Statutes.

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