

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-486

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Cumber

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2020

Type of Action: Creation of neighborhood assessment program

Bill Summary: The bill establishes a neighborhood assessment program for the South End River Road - Northwest End River Oaks Road area pursuant to a resident petition to pay for the undergrounding of overhead utility cables and declares the City's intent to levy a uniform non-ad-valorem special assessment on the properties to pay for the cost of the project.

Background Information: The Florida Statutes provide a mechanism for a group of property owners to petition their government to create a special assessment district for the purpose of providing funding to accomplish a defined set of improvement projects benefitting those properties. In this instance a group of 6 property owners on River Road and River Oaks Road in the San Marco area have petitioned for the creation of the special assessment to pay the cost of relocating overhead utility cables (JEA electric lines and Comcast cable television) underground. The estimated cost of the project is \$67,902. JEA has agreed to perform the work and be repaid by the benefitting property owners via the special assessment on their property tax bills over a period of 20 years,

Policy Impact Area: Utility undergrounding; special assessment district creation

Fiscal Impact: None to the City; JEA will pay the \$67,902 project cost up-front and be reimbursed over 20 years by the revenue from the special assessments on the benefitting property owners.

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