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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-321

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Boyer, Crescimbeni and Love

Date of Introduction: May 15, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 16, 2019

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendments

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 714 – Neighborhood Assessment Program – to create a new Part 4 to establish a mechanism to create special assessments for water, sewer and reclaimed water services. It amends various other provisions in Chapter 714 to clarify and update portions of the existing special assessment program for undergrounding of overhead power and communications lines. It amends Ordinance Code Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Funds – to create a new Neighborhood Assessment Program Fee Trust Fund

Background Information: The Ordinance Code currently provides a mechanism for interested neighborhoods to voluntarily agree to the imposition of non-ad valorem special assessments to finance the installation of infrastructure improvements to be paid back by the owners of the benefitting properties over a period of years. The Code currently authorizes such assessments for the purpose of undergrounding overhead electric/telephone/cable television lines and for dredging canals and waterways. This bill creates a special assessment option to finance the installation of water, sewer and reclaimed water distribution/collection systems in neighborhoods. The bill also creates a new special revenue fund and provides for the use of certain fees associated with these special assessments to pay for the costs of implementing the programs authorized by Chapter 714, including advertising and mailing costs.

Policy Impact Area: Special assessments for neighborhood improvements

Fiscal Impact: The bill provides for the payment of administrative costs of the special assessment programs through the use of filing fees and notice fees collected under the Chapter and deposited into a new trust fund created for this purpose.

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