

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0899

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: December 9, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: December 8, 2025

Type of Action: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver easements between JEA and the City; provide for oversight; request one cycle emergency passage.

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes and approves the Mayor to execute and deliver easements between JEA and the City, include: (1) a Drainage Easement, (2) a Non-Exclusive Grant of Easement to accommodate the construction and use of the Cosentino Sidetrack, and (3) a Temporary Construction Easement to facilitate construction of the sidetrack and related improvements for the tender and receipt of rail freight traffic. The bill also provides for oversight of the easements by the Office of Economic Development and requests one cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The Drainage Easement provides the City with a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over property owned by JEA for stormwater drainage purposes, including the rights of ingress and egress and the right to perform grading activities within the drainage easement area. The Non-Exclusive Grant of Easement provides the City with the authority to construct, operate, maintain, improve, and/or repair and replace a single sidetrack and related drainage improvements for the tender and receipt of rail freight traffic from the mainline track currently owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. The Temporary Construction Easement provides the City with a temporary easement for grading activities and additional workspace for the construction of improvements associated with a public works project to be undertaken by the City.

The bill also requests one-cycle emergency passage, as construction of the sidetrack improvements is anticipated to commence immediately to meet state grant timelines, and the easements within this ordinance must be in place before construction begins.

Policy Impact Area: Transportation, easements, JEA

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City.

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