

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



JEFFREY R. CLEMENTS
Chief of Research
(904) 255-5137

117 West Duval Street
City Hall, Suite 425
Jacksonville, FL 32202
FAX (904) 255-5229

Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-146

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: February 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, LUZ, Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: March 2, 2023

Type of Action: Establishing dependent special district; establishing district Board of Supervisors; identifying method of financing; recognizing consistency with Comp Plan

Bill Summary: The bill establishes the Hogpen Creek Dependent Special District in Council District 13 for the purpose of dredging and maintaining navigable waterways. It establishes a 7-member board of supervisors and appoints the original members to the board. The bill grants the district the right to levy an annual non-ad valorem special assessment to fund its work and finds that the formation of the special district is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Background Information: The district will be located between San Pablo Road and the Intracoastal Waterway in the area of the Ketch Cove and Holiday Harbor subdivisions and incorporates 111 parcels. The district will dredge and maintain channels that connect to the Intracoastal Waterway using the proceeds of a non-ad valorem special assessment that shall not exceed \$4,500 for the first year, and which may increase by no more than \$200 annually to a maximum assessment \$7,500 unless the district charter is amended to permit a greater amount. The district is required to submit an annual budget to the City Council for approval and shall be subject to annual financial auditing as required by state statute.

The 7 appointees to form the initial board of supervisors are: Jason Hafer, William Schuetz, Ezekial Stewart, James Koppenberger, Chris Lawrence, Kevin Holbrooks, and Christi Dangott. They will serve 4-year terms and their seats will be open for election in 2027, at which time seats 2, 4 and 6 will be elected to 4-year terms and seats 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be elected to 6-year terms.

Policy Impact Area: Waterway improvements

Fiscal Impact: None to City; authorizes special assessment on benefitting properties.

Analyst: Clements