

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0102

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the DIA

Date of Introduction: February 11, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2020

Type of Action: Closing and abandoning rights-of-way; all utilities easement

Bill Summary: The bill approves the closure and abandonment of a portion of the Johnson Street right-of-way as established in LaVilla Division C shown on Deed Book W, Page 566 of the former public records of Duval County. There is reserved to the City and JEA an all utilities easement on, over, across, and under the closed right-of-way for ingress and egress for all utilities to provide the City and JEA and other third party utility providers continued access to repair and maintain facilities in the future.

Background Information: A portion of the Johnson Street right-of-way is being requested for closure in order to facilitate the development of 88 townhomes within the LaVilla neighborhood. There is a Redevelopment Agreement between the City, DIA and the Developer, VC LaVilla Townhomes, Ltd., that was previously approved by City Council via Ordinance 2019-897-E. More specifically, a 5' section of the Johnson Street right-of-way falling between Houston Street to the north and Forsyth Street to the south is requested for closure. The remainder of the Johnson Street right-of-way will remain open. See Exhibit 1 for a visual of the specific borders and boundaries.

Policy Impact Area: District 7 rights-of-way

Fiscal Impact: There is no appropriation of funds associated with this legislation.

Analyst: Baltiero