

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-432

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Gay, Peluso, and Amaro

Date of Introduction: June 10, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, TEU, JWC

Date of Analysis: June 9, 2025

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends, repeals, and creates various sections of Chapter 388 (Boats and Waterways), Chapter 360 (Environmental Regulation), Chapter 23 (Office of Administrative Services), Chapter 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Chapter 670 (Abandoned Property), and Chapter 28 (Parks, Recreation, and Community Services) of the Ordinance Code to update enforcement procedures, establish local authority for regulating floating structures and derelict vessels, and strengthen provisions for vessel removal and citation.

Background Information: This legislation was recommended by the Derelict Vessel Task Force and the Jacksonville Waterways Commission in response to public complaints regarding derelict vessels, floating structures, and associated environmental and navigational hazards. It clarifies and consolidates the administrative procedures in Chapter 388, creates new enforcement mechanisms and definitions for floating structures and vessels deemed public nuisances, and establishes local administrative procedures for citations and removals. The legislation also repeals outdated sections and aligns City Code with recent amendments to state law, including Chapter 24-174, Laws of Florida. Enforcement responsibilities are divided among various City departments and law enforcement entities, and civil penalties and recovery of abatement costs are established.

Policy Impact Area: Waterway management

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact

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