

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-409

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 27, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, JWC

**Date of Analysis:** May 27, 2025

**Type of Action:** Approval of lease agreement

**Bill Summary:** This bill approves and authorizes the Mayor and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, on behalf of the City of Jacksonville, a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Renewal (BOT File No. 160336982) between the City, Palms Fish Camp Restaurant LLC, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The lease authorizes the continued operation of a 21-slip commercial docking facility, an existing boat ramp, a canoe/kayak launch, and an additional boat ramp with boardwalks on either side of the ramp. The lease is for a ten-year term commencing August 30, 2024, with an initial annual lease fee of \$5,445.91 plus sales tax, subject to annual adjustments as provided in section 18-21.011, Florida Administrative Code. Oversight of the acquisition, execution, and recording of the lease is assigned to the Real Estate Division of the Department of Public Works, with ongoing oversight of the lease and docking facility assigned to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a lease renewal agreement between the City of Jacksonville, Palms Fish Camp Restaurant LLC, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The lease renewal pertains to certain sovereignty submerged lands necessary for the continued operation of a commercial docking facility located near the confluence of the St. Johns River and Heckscher Drive. The facilities include a 21-slip commercial dock, a canoe/kayak launch, and an additional boat ramp with associated boardwalks. The term of the lease is ten years with a renewable option, and lease payments are subject to adjustment pursuant to Florida Administrative Code.

**Policy Impact Area:** Parks and Recreation; Public Property

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill has an initial annual lease fee of \$5,445.91 plus sales tax; subject to annual adjustment.

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