

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-429

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Miller

Date of Introduction: June 10, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: June 6, 2025

Type of Action: Approval of planting project

Bill Summary: This bill approves an Exceptional Planting Project at the University of North Florida (UNF) campus located at 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224, pursuant to Section 94.107. The bill authorizes funding in a not-to-exceed amount of \$375,000 from the City's Level 3 Tree Planting Program for the planting of 199 trees across five locations on the UNF campus.

Background Information: The Tree Commission was established to support a healthy tree canopy across Jacksonville and oversee initiatives funded by the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund. In line with this mission, Ordinance 2020-213-E created the City's Level 3 Tree Planting Program, which allows public projects to receive funding for large-scale tree planting on public property. On April 28, 2025, the Tree Commission recommended approval of a Level 3 tree planting proposal submitted by the Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute of Florida, Inc., for planting 199 trees at UNF. The Mayor's Budget Review Committee subsequently recommended funding in the amount of \$367,000, with a small contingency to bring the total not-to-exceed amount to \$375,000. As required by Section 95.107 of the Ordinance Code for projects exceeding \$300,000, Council approval is necessary prior to project commencement.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental sustainability

Fiscal Impact: Not-to-exceed \$375,000 from the City's Level 3 Planting Program.

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