

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-568

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

**Date of Introduction:** July 26, 2022

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

**Date of Analysis:** July 26, 2022

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$7,252 (\$6,216 from the City of Atlantic Beach and \$1,036 from the City of Neptune Beach) to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Services – Beaches Account for water quality monitoring and assessment. This represents year 5 of the five-year agreement. The Environmental Quality Division of the Neighborhoods Department will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding for enhanced monitoring and assessment for the three cities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Jacksonville, which are all co-permittees under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, which contains additional monitoring and analyses not included previously in the Environmental Quality Division's annual program. Through Ordinance 2018-112-E, Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach agreed to fund the additional costs associated with these requirements, and the City of Jacksonville agreed to be responsible to develop, implement, and administer an assessment program as required by the NPDES Permit. COJ responsibilities include managing staff, maintaining equipment, performing necessary field quality assurance protocols, collection of samples, and compiling, reviewing and reporting data. This appropriation encompasses the annual payment due to the City of Jacksonville from the cities of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach for the provision of these services.

**Policy Impact Area:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Services - Beaches

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$7,252 as initiated by B.T. 22-090, no general fund match or ongoing maintenance required

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