

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-205

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

**Date of Introduction:** March 12, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU

**Date of Analysis:** March 14, 2024

**Type of Action:** Closing and disclaiming a portion of right-of-way; providing for approval subject to conditions

**Bill Summary:** This bill closes and abandons and/or disclaims an opened and improved portion of right-of-way on Varsity Lane in Council District 3 at the request of the University of North Florida Board of Trustees. The closure and disclaiming is subject to reservation unto JEA of all utilities, facilities, and access easement.

**Background Information:** The applicant, the lessee under a sublease from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida, applied for the closure of the right-of-way adjacent to Varsity Lane in Council District 3. The applicant requests this closure to connect properties within this parcel together for university educational, athletic, and auxiliary uses.

The applicants paid the right-of-way closure application fee of \$2,607.00, and the closure request was reviewed and approved by the various city, state, and utility agencies that might have an interest in the right-of-way. The closure and disclaiming of the property is contingent upon a Hold Harmless Covenant, which protects the City from legal liability of any potential injury resulting from use of the disclaimed property, between the applicants and the City.

**Policy Impact Area:** Right-of-way closure

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to City

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