

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-838

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2025

Type of Action: Potential Creation of Dependent Special District and directive to Chief of Legislative Services

Bill Summary: This bill relates to the potential creation of the “Wonderland District”, a dependent special district for commercial properties along 103rd Street from Blanding Boulevard to Cecil Commerce Center. The bill directs the Chief of Legislative Services to distribute petitions to all of the owners of commercial property within the proposed Wonderland District in order to determine their support. The petitions shall be returned to the Council Secretary/Director, who is directed to report the results to the City Council.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to gauge community interest in the creation of a dependent special district, the “Wonderland District” that would be consistent with various goals, objectives and policies set forth in the 2045 Comprehensive Plan concerning revitalization of run-down and/or under-utilized commercial areas. The potential Wonderland District could be a tool for economic vitality, neighborhood identity, and sustainable development; and could also be used to leverage other grants and philanthropic funds. The district would raise funds through special assessments on those properties located within the Wonderland District, with an initial infusion of \$750,000 (from district Council Members Community 9, 12 & 14 Benefits Agreement funds) to assist with the initial creation and start-up of the Wonderland District.

Policy Impact Area: Determination of support for creation of “Wonderland District”, a new dependent special district

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined cost for postage

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