

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-0379

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2026

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 11, 2026

**Type of Action:** Closure and abandonment and/or disclaiming

**Bill Summary:** This bill closes and abandons and/or disclaims an opened and improved portion of Ionic Avenue Right-of-Way, established in the Plat of Ortega, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 40, of the current public records of Duval County, Florida, located in Council District 7, at the request of St. Marks Episcopal Church Foundation Inc. and the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, Inc., subject unto reservation to the City and JEA of a non-exclusive all-utilities, facilities, and access easement on, over, under, through, and across the closure area.

**Background Information:** The Applicants, St. Marks Episcopal Church Foundation Inc. and the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, Inc., have requested the closure to modify on-street parking and to create new off-street parking. 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. While the City's Planning and Development Department discouraged the closure due to its location within the boundaries of Old Ortega National Register Historic District, where the historic grid system is recognized as a contributing and defining feature, there were no objections to the Applicants' request. The closure is subject to the Applicants' execution and delivery of a Hold Harmless Covenant to the City.

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

**Fiscal Impact:** No cost to the City. The Applicants paid a closure application fee of \$2,091, which was deposited into the City's General Fund.

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