

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: 2019-469

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Crescimbeni

Date of Introduction: June 25, 2019

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

Date of Analysis: June 24, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation, designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for the 630-CITY Tree Planting Program, administered by the Department of Public Works. The Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund currently contains approximately \$25,000,000.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to plant trees within public rights-of-way in Duval County in locations where adjacent property owners have requested trees through 630-CITY. The Tree Commission established the Level 1 Tree Planting Program, also referred to as the 630-CITY Tree Planting Program, which allows citizens to request up to two trees per year to be planted on City right-of-way adjacent to their property. To date, there have been a total of 900 requests, with one or two trees per request, with a cost of \$1,100 to \$1,500 per tree. Upon request, the Department of Public Works may use Subfund 15F to install either one or two trees approved in accordance with the "Tree Commission Approved Tree Planting List". The location and tree species must be approved by a City Arborist.

Policy Impact Area: 630-CITY Tree Planting Program

Fiscal Impact: \$1,600,000

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