

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-807

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: October 8, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: October 8, 2024

Type of Action: Dissolution of Dependent Special District

Bill Summary: This bill dissolves the Hogpen Creek Dependent Special District.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-146-E established the Hogpen Creek Dependent Special District in Council District 13 for the purpose of dredging and maintaining navigable waterways and granted the district the right to levy an annual non-ad valorem special assessment to fund its work. The district is located between San Pablo Road and the Intracoastal Waterway in the area of the Ketch Cove and Holiday Harbor subdivisions and incorporates 111 parcels. The district is financed by the property owners with direct or deeded navigable access to the creek. The special assessments were not to exceed the maximum of \$4,500 for the first year. Dredging Hogpen Creek is estimated to cost the district's 111 property owners \$40,000 each over the course of 10 to 15 years, dividing the estimated \$4.5 million cost evenly.

Some residents of the special district were not aware of the increase to their property taxes through the special assessment, creating a hardship. Per Section 189.071, *Florida Statutes*, City Council may enact an ordinance dissolving a dependent special district.

Policy Impact Area: Hogpen Creek Dependent Special District

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined costs if the City must fund the future dredging of the creek

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