

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-876

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Cumber, DeFoor and Ferraro

Date of Introduction: December 16, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: December 16, 2021

Type of Action: Repeal of prior ordinance; revocation of interlocal agreement; request for emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill repeals Ordinance 2021-223-E which extended the 6-cent local option gas tax for 10 years, levied a new 5-cent local option gas tax for a period of 30 years, and levied the available “ninth cent” local option gas tax for a period of 30 years. It revokes the authority granted in that ordinance to execute interlocal agreements with the three Beaches cities and the Town of Baldwin to distribute the proceeds of the gas taxes to those jurisdictions on a proportional basis. Emergency approval on first reading is requested.

Background Information: The preamble of the bill states that the price of a gallon of gasoline has increased by over 50% in the last year and notes that Governor DeSantis has proposed a suspension of collection of a majority of the state’s gas tax for a period of 6 months in response to that increase. It also states that the federal government’s recent authorization of over \$1 trillion in new transportation and infrastructure funding in addition to the tens of billions of dollars already available in pre-existing federal grant programs means that there are sufficient resources available to meet the City’s transportation and infrastructure needs without the addition of new local option gas tax dollars.

Ordinance 2021-223-E extended the current 6-cent local option gas tax for 10 years through 204 and levied a new 5-cent local option gas tax and the available but not previously levied “9th cent” gas tax, both for a period of 30 years beginning January 1, 2022 and ending in December 2052. The funds are to be shared with the Beaches and Baldwin on a formula basis, and the City’s portion of the revenue will be split 50/50 with the JTA for a use on a list of pre-determined projects

Policy Impact Area: Infrastructure funding

Fiscal Impact: The new and extended gas taxes were projected earlier this year to produce \$994 million over the life of the taxes (\$497 million apiece to the City and JTA, after the proportional distribution to the Beaches and Baldwin).

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