

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-461

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: July 28, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$125,392 from the Environmental Protection Fund to conduct a 12-month Urban Area Odor Study.

Background Information: The study is proposed to better understand and manage odor complaints emanating from various neighborhoods within the urban area of Jacksonville. The Environmental Quality Division has been investigating “chemical-like” odors in some area after multiple resident complaints over an extended period. The EQD currently uses traditional methods for odor assessment which consist of sending an inspector to assess the odor once a complaint comes in and determine if they perceive an odor or not. Although having been successfully used for years, the method has proven to be inefficient at times due to the rapid change in weather conditions that might cause an odor disturbance at the time of the complaint but when acted upon, the odor has shifted paths. Additionally, without having a 24/7 continuous monitoring, there is currently no method in handling complaints efficiently and accurately outside of normal work hours.

Policy Impact Area: Monitoring odor in Jacksonville’s urban area

Fiscal Impact: Appropriating \$125,392

Analyst: Distel