

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-397

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

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 30, 2019

Type of Action: Authorization to execute air rights easement; designation of oversight agency.

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Mayor to execute an air rights easement with Baptist Health Properties Inc., South Baptist Hospital of FL, Inc., and Pavilion Assoc., LTD (collectively Baptist Hospital's downtown campus) for the purpose of allowing construction of a bridge over the right-of-way of Palm Avenue in the Baptist Hospital complex on the Southbank downtown. It designates the City's Real Estate Division as the oversight agency for the agreement.

Background Information: Baptist Hospital downtown is in the process of remaking and reorienting its campus after constructing the new M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and a new parking garage. A new Wolfson Children's Critical Care Tower is about to begin construction on the site of the recently demolished old parking garage and the front entrance of the hospital will be relocated to its south side, facing I-95. The hospital desires to construct an overhead pedestrian bridge from the new parking garage on the east side of Palm Avenue to the new building on the west side, with a minimum clearance over the street of 15.5 feet. The easement is required to permit the skybridge to encroach in the City's right-of-way.

Policy Impact Area: Hospital redevelopment; right-of-way encroachment

Fiscal Impact: None

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