

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-488

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

Date of Introduction: June 28, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: June 30, 2022

Type of Action: Adoption of special assessment roll and collection method; establishing assessment rate; identification of services provided and costs; scheduling public hearing; retention of municipal rights under *Florida Statutes*.

Bill Summary: The bill adopts the final special assessment roll for the expanded Downtown Vision Inc. business improvement district and identifies the uniform collection method as authorized by Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*. It identifies the services to be provided and their costs and sets the assessment rate at 1.1 mills for the 2022 through 2031 tax years. Public hearings on the assessment are scheduled for July 26 and August 9, 2022. The bill declares that the City retains all rights granted to granted to municipalities by Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, for the special assessments authorized herein, including priority of lien, interest and foreclosure; provided, however, that any legal proceeding to enforce payment of such special assessments shall require City Council approval.

Background Information: The bill adopts the Business Improvement District special assessment of 1.1 mills for a total of 2,342 parcels of property in the recently expanded Downtown Vision Inc. jurisdiction. Last year, in the first year of the expansion, the newly included properties were billed via letters; this year all properties are being billed via the special assessment line on the property tax bill. DVI's work program includes the Downtown Ambassador service, daily cleaning, marketing the downtown area in multiple ways, collecting and analyzing data and making reports, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and producing downtown events.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown enhancement and promotion

Fiscal Impact: DVI's projected revenue for FY22-23 is \$2,575,198, derived from property assessments (\$1,753,434), City of Jacksonville contribution (\$678,445) and other sources (\$186,086).

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