

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-745

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: October 8, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: October 9, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for a county-wide program to provide tree planting in the public rights-of-way where trees have been removed by the City due to tree conditions; and provides a carryover of funds into subsequent fiscal years.

Background Information: The Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of Jacksonville, study and make recommendations concerning the planting of trees and the health of the City's tree canopy. The Council passed Ordinance 2018-775-E based on the Commission's proposal to establish tree replacement programs through the Department of Public Works. The County-Wide Tree Program replace trees removed from public right-of-way due to damage, impending decline, or potential hazard to public health, safety, and welfare. Utilization of funds has two criteria, the tree removed must be replaced within six months, and the species of the replacement tree must be on the Tree Commission Approved Tree Planting List.

Policy Impact Area: Tree replacement

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund.

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