

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-241

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carlucci

Date of Introduction: April 11, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization to execute event agreement; invocation of Procurement Code direct contracting exemption; Ordinance Code waiver; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$15,000 from the Jax Happenings Activity in the budget of the Special Events Division to Greenscape of Jacksonville Inc. to provide funding for tree maintenance in City parks and trails and for community outreach promoting the value of trees. It invokes the direct contracting exemption in Ordinance Code Chapter 106 - Procurement Code - and waives a provision of Chapter 118 – City Grants – requiring that non-profit organizations receive City funding through a competitive award process so as to permit the direct appropriation and contracting with Greenscape. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is designated as the City’s oversight agency for the agreement.

Background Information: Greenscape proposes to create a new volunteer group (Tree Stewards) to provide extra care for trees planted by the organization in City parks and along City trails to ensure their survival. Greenscape will recruit volunteers and purchase stakes, mulch and other supplies to prune, water, mulch, weed around, and otherwise provide an enhanced level of care for trees planted in Lem Merrett and Lew Brantley Parks, Brentwood Golf Course, and along the S-Line Trail. The organization will also host a small tree planting event for children, provide a session on the benefits of trees, and provide information on “Careers in Urban Forestry” to the general public.

Policy Impact Area: Tree care and promotion

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$15,000 from the budget of the Special Events Division

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