

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-838

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Becton

Date of Introduction: November 23, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: November 24, 2021

Type of Action: Establishment of dependent special district

Bill Summary: The bill establishes the Baymeadows Community Improvement District (BCID) as a dependent special district of the City. It defines the boundaries of the district, creates a governing board, and establishes the purposes, powers and duties of the district.

Background Information: The BCID incorporates the properties between Baymeadows Road on the south and Baymeadows Circle West on the north, between Southside Boulevard on the east and I-95 on the west, formerly the site of the Baymeadows Golf Course. The powers and duties of the district include implementation of the Baymeadows Community Plan and the planning and coordination of long-term maintenance of common infrastructure, including private roads, stormwater and drainage facilities, and landscaping. The district will be funded by a BCID special assessment levied on all the participating properties, to be established by the BCID's Board of Supervisors. The bill creates the Board of Supervisors, which shall consist of 7 members comprised of 4 Area Group (district) members and 3 at-large members elected by the residents and businesses in the district. The City Council member representing that area shall be an *ex officio* member of the board. The bill appoints an initial Board of Supervisors to oversee the creation of the district and the initiation of operations through December 2025.

The district is being created to address problems that have arisen since the golf course ceased operations and portions of the land were redeveloped for residential and commercial purposes. The private roadways and drainage facilities are under various ownerships and there is no coordinated mechanism for ensuring or paying for their proper maintenance by the property owners that benefit from their presence.

Policy Impact Area: Special district creation

Fiscal Impact: None to the City; the costs of the district will be borne by the beneficiaries through an annual special assessment levy.

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