

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-853

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gaffney

**Date of Introduction:** November 23, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, TEU, R

**Date of Analysis:** November 23, 2021

**Type of Action:** Declaration of surplus property, *Ordinance Code* waiver and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill declares that a parcel of property located at 714 Jessie Street near the intersection of Lobster Lane and Cricket Court, R.E. Number 122274-0000, in Council District 7 is surplus to the needs of the City. Section 122.423 (Disposition for Affordable Housing), Part 4 (Real Property), of Chapter 122 (Public property), *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow the conveyance of the Subject Parcel to the neighboring property owner at no cost without going through the affordable housing donation process. If the Subject Property is used for anything other than the intended Community Service Outreach the City has the right, but not the duty, to reenter and reclaim all rights to the property. The Department of Public Works, Real Estate Division will oversee the project operations.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to convey the property located at 714 Jessie Street to the neighboring property owner, In the Word International, Inc. The previous property owners failed to pay the ad valorem taxes and on June 17, 2019, the Subject Parcel reverted to the City of Jacksonville for unpaid taxes. Since then, the City has expended funds for maintenance, mowing and reboarding; and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has responded to the property four times in a six-month period in 2021. In the Word International, Inc. intends to make the parcel useful to the neighborhood by maintaining the small 900 square foot house valued by the Property Appraiser at \$9,373 for Community Service Outreach programs, including but not limited to operating a community food bank, providing computer and internet services for workforce resources, and providing access to online social services.

**Policy Impact Area:** Conveyance of surplus property

**Fiscal Impact:** Undetermined maintenance and public safety cost savings

**Analyst:** Hampsey