

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-409

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

Date of Introduction: May 24, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R, Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: May 26, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization to execute project agreement; invocation of Procurement Code exemption; Ordinance Code waiver; designation of oversight agency; monitoring requirement

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$274,000 from Environmental Protection Fund fund balance to a professional services expenditure account to pay for the installation of a nutrient separation baffle box pilot project to treat stormwater discharge into the St. Johns River. It authorizes execution of a project agreement between the City and Central Pipe Rehab LLC and invokes the exception provided in the Procurement Code to allow direct contracting with a party named in an appropriation ordinance. The bill waives provisions of Ordinance Code Chapter 110 – City Treasury – to permit advance payment to be made to the company. The Environmental Quality Division of the Neighborhoods Department is designated as the City’s oversight agency for the project. Central Pipe Rehab LLC is required to provide 6-month and final reports on the results of the installation.

Background Information: This project arises from a directive from the State of Florida to various municipalities throughout the state requesting they undertake measures to reduce nutrient and pollutant loading into impaired water bodies. The baffle box to be installed as part of the project is intended to prevent solid pollutants from moving through drainage facilities directly to outfall points. The box will be installed between the stormwater inlets and the outfall pipe and is designed to slow the flow rate of the piped stormwater so that solids can settle out of the stormwater and collect at the bottom of the boxes where they can be subsequently removed by vacuum truck. The project also entails monitoring and testing to determine and confirm that nutrient and other pollutant removal is occurring.

Policy Impact Area: Stormwater quality improvement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$274,000 from Environmental Protection Fund for the pilot project.

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