

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2022-463

**Sponsor:** Introduced by Council Member Ferraro

**Date of Introduction:** June 14, 2022

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

**Date of Analysis:** June 14, 2022

**Type of Action:** Establishment of boating speed restricted area

**Bill Summary:** This legislation would establish a boating-restricted area in the Arlington River through the Cesery and University Boulevard bridges. The boating-restricted area may be established within 300 feet of any bridge span presenting a vertical clearance of less than 25 feet or a horizontal clearance of less than 100 feet. The State of Florida has a process pursuant to Section 327.46, Florida Statutes, by which a local government can establish a “boating-restricted area” to restrict vessel speeds to protect the safety of the public. The Parks Department will be in charge of the oversight of the implementation and design of the markers to ensure slow speeds in this designated area.

**Background Information:** Several rowing clubs have expressed worries about the safety of rowing in the Arlington River through the Cesery and University Boulevard bridges due to the blind spot created when the river creates a narrow flow channel around a sharp bend. The rowing clubs expressed their concerns at Jacksonville Waterways Commission meetings and due to the safety concerns this legislation was drafted to protect those using the waterways.

**Policy Impact Area:** Waterways safety

**Fiscal Impact:** Cost of placement and maintenance of the markers

**Analyst:** Distel