

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-19

**Sponsor:** Council President at request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** January 10, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** January 10, 2023

**Type of Action:** Declaration of a public necessity for use of eminent domain

**Bill Summary:** This legislation declares that it is a public necessity for acquiring the fee simple title through condemnation by right of Eminent Domain to property located at 1460 Starratt Road in Council District #2.

**Background Information:** The City of Jacksonville is authorized to construct and maintain streets and highways, and improve those streets and highways as needed, for the public and the city has determined that the Starratt/Dunn Creek Road Intersection Improvement Project serves a public purpose. The city has determined that the acquisition of the property is reasonably necessary. To meet the requirements of Section 73.105, Florida Statutes, it will be necessary to make a written offer to the impacted property owners prior to the commencement of any eminent domain action.

The property needed is approximately 4,554 square feet and is owned by Jeffrey and Karen Rickert who has rejected the City's offer of the City's appraised value of \$21,900. The project is time sensitive and may require the taking of possession and title to the property in advance of a final judgement in an eminent domain action.

**Policy Impact Area:** Eminent Domain

**Fiscal Impact:** \$21,900

**Analyst:** Distel