

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-337

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Freeman

Date of Introduction: April 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 25, 2024

Type of Action: Encouraging and requesting the Mayor to identify project opportunities and to provide appropriate funding in the budget process for capital improvements in economically distressed communities

Bill Summary: The bill encourages and requests the Mayor to conduct a county-wide assessment to identify opportunities for capital improvements, studies or needs assessments, and other programs aimed at the revitalization of economically distressed neighborhoods throughout the City of Jacksonville, including but not limited to Woodland Acres, Mixon Town/Lackawanna, and Magnolia Gardens. It requests the Mayor to include appropriate funding in the proposed FY24-25 budget to pay for these capital improvements and/or studies.

Background Information: Via Ordinance 2024-0253, the Council approved funding for a community engagement and visioning study for revitalization of the Durkeeville neighborhood. As part of the discussion of this bill, the Council discussed broadening the scope of this bill to include community revitalization projects and/or studies for other economically distressed neighborhoods. This resolution formalizes the desire to see additional funding for similar studies in other economically distressed neighborhoods.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhood revitalization

Fiscal Impact: No cost to City; recommendation to administration for future appropriation

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