

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-341

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

Date of Introduction: April 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 22, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Margarete Vest, P.E. as a member of the Environmental Protection Board, as a registered professional engineer, replacing Beth Leaptrott, P.E., for a first full term to expire on September 30, 2027.

Background Information: The Environmental Protection Board is established pursuant to Chapter 73, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study, promulgate and enforce appropriate rules for environmental protection; work in cooperation with the State and other agencies and groups interested in environmental quality control; investigate pollution control programs; conduct investigations and hearings on complaints; issue appropriate orders for enforcement of pollution standards; grant variances requested by pollution sources; general authority over the Groundwater and Surface Water Resource Management Program and the Hazardous Regulated Substance Program; and review and approve requests for Sustainable Building Certification Refund Grants.

Section 73.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council in various categories including a registered professional engineer.

Ms. Vest holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and she is a professional engineer registered in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Texas. She is a project engineer for Swisher. Ms. Vest resides in Duval County in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental Protection Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey