

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-589

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: September 22, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: September 18, 2020

Type of Action: Charter amendment

Bill Summary: This bill modifies the *Ordinance Code* to:

- amend Chapter 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Part 3 (Municipal Code Compliance Division), Section 34.301 (Establishment; Functions);
- amend Chapter 34 (Neighborhoods Department), Part 4 (Environmental Quality Division), Section 34.401 (Establishment; Functions);
- create a new Section 34.403 (Enforcement Officers);
- amend Chapter 360 (Environmental Regulation), Part 1. (Public Policy; General Provisions), Section 360.107 (Administration);
- amend Title X (Environmental Affairs) to create a new Chapter 388 (Boats and Waterways), Ordinance Code; and
- Provide for Codification Instructions.

Background Information: Derelict Vessel and Floating Structures (DVFS) Committee was created by the Jacksonville Waterways Commission to focus on citizen complaints involving sunken boats, partially sunken boats, vessels, and other structures deteriorating while at anchor or adrift in the waters within Duval County. In particular, a floating structure capsized in July 2019 has quickly begun to deteriorate, placing rubbish and litter in the waterway that struck docks, boats, and created dangerous mariners. The DVFS Committee submitted the Waterways Commission's proposed legislation on September 9, 2020, as a structural beginning to combat the dangerous and unsanitary conditions presented by floating structures and derelict vessels. The Commission unanimously approved the proposal and forwarded it to City Council for consideration.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Waterways Commission, Derelict Vessels and Floating Structures

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Mitchell