

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-0590

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Morgan

**Date of Introduction:** September 22, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 22, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of funds; providing carryover language; waiver of Section 111.755 Ord. Code; invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g) Ord. Code; waiver of Section 360.602 Ord. Code; providing oversight

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$6,700.00 to fund the completion of a four-year, comprehensive study of mercury levels/contamination in the Duval County environment. The transfer of these funds will be as follows:

**From:**

**Subfund Title:** Environmental Protection  
**Grant Title:** JXSF Conservation and Rescue  
Management/Environmental Protection Activity  
**Line Item:** Transfer From Fund Balance  
**Amount:** \$6,700.00

**To:**

**Subfund Title:** Environmental Protection  
**Grant Title:** NBEQ Environmental Regulation  
Programs – Conservation and Resource  
Manage/Environmental Protection Board Trust Fd  
**Line Item:** Misc. Services & Charges  
**Amount:** \$6,700.00

The bill provides carryover language stating that the appropriated funds will not lapse and carryover in FY 2020/2021. Sections 111.755 and 360.602 of the Ordinance Code are waived to allow the appropriated funds from the Environmental Protection Board Trust Fund to be used for purchasing equipment that will be utilized for the Project. The bill invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g) Ord. Code because such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. Oversight will be provided by the Environmental Quality Division of the Neighborhoods Department.

**Background Information:** Support for the continued study of Mercury within Duval County is needed. A four-year study was previously approved with funding appropriated, however, a number of variables delayed the completion of the project prior to the appropriation carryover deadline. An extension of the project through September 2021 is being requested along with the remaining balance of \$6,700.00 to be appropriated. Ordinance 2015-0101-E provided the original contract approval and appropriation of \$98,000.00 toward the project.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public health and safety

**Fiscal Impact:** The funding will come from the Environmental Protection Fund for the continuation of the Mercury Study Project. Jacksonville University will complete the project without any contribution from the General Fund operating budget.

**Analyst:** Baltiero