

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-241

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

**Date of Introduction:** April 27, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** April 28, 2021

**Type of Action:** Approval and authorization of an economic development agreement amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver Amendment Two to an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Eagle LNG Partners, LLC, to extend the performance deadlines for one year, with all other terms and conditions remaining unchanged.

**Background Information:** An existing Economic Development Agreement, dated January 22, 2020, was authorized by Resolution 2019-844-A to support a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility at 1632 Zoo Parkway. LNG facilities are refineries that receive relatively “raw” methane gas by pipeline, remove impurities, and liquefy the refined gas for storage or export. Some of the impurities, such as water vapor and sour gas, are removed to meet pipeline specifications or because they damage equipment.

The First Amendment was signed on June 17, 2020, which extended the Job Creation Schedule, construction commencement, and construction completion dates due to unanticipated construction delays. This amendment provides an additional extension of one year due to unforeseen construction delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. , there were this project has experienced delays and continues to experience challenges related to the pandemic. The performance extension dates are:

- construction commencement date from May 31, 2021, to May 31, 2022;
- construction completion date from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025;
- Job Creation Schedule from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025; and
- REV Grant payout schedule with Final Year of the REV Grant changed from 2034 to 2035

**Policy Impact Area:** Liquefied natural gas export facility, economic development agreement

**Fiscal Impact:** The legislation is a ten-year REV Grant (50% of the incremental increase in ad valorem taxes), capped at \$23,000,000.

**Analyst:** Mitchell