

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-452

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

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: July 28, 2021

Type of Action: Agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Inc. for property located at 1445 Millcoe Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225 (RE# 161281-0010), inclusive of the related improvements, structures, facilities and buildings for a term commencing on the effective date of the Lease through April 30, 2051. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to amend the lease agreement with the Arboretum, a public garden and arboretum developed to promote the conservation, selection and use of native and non-invasive, non-native plants of North Florida. The Arboretum is responsible for paying the cost of rent (one dollar per year) to the City and all taxes, including but not limited to sales taxes, personal property taxes and ad valorem real estate taxes. The lease amendment will extend the term dates to meet grant requirements and incentivize donations, and provide additional language clarifying the ability to charge a reasonable admission fee to guests which will be used for the operations of the property.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Arboretum

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey