

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-455

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, for the Level 2 Tree Planting Program, administered by the Department of Public Works. The Public Works Department will continue to oversee the Level 2 Program. The appropriated funds will not lapse but will carryover to subsequent fiscal years.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for Public Works to work with applicants that are individuals, groups, and Council Members to plant trees on public property in Duval County. The Level 2 Tree Planting Program provides individual citizens, organizations, or Council Members with the opportunity to suggest a location for a tree planting project on public property within Duval County that proposes to use funds from the City of Jacksonville Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund. The location of the proposed planting must be: in Duval County; on public property (i.e. a road right-of-way; a local, state or national park; Duval County School Board property, etc.); it is preferred, but not required, that the citizen or organizations request be at least in a schematic format for locations and species of trees proposed; it is preferred, but not required, that the number of trees for each project not exceed 200; The Public Works Department's certified City Arborist shall approve the schematic design proposed, or generate a design for implementation; Upon receipt or generation of a schematic design for a planting project, the Department of Public Works shall provide a copy of same to the District Council Member representing the location of the project; the request shall be heard by the Tree Commission for a recommendation to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee for approval; and the project shall be administered by the Public Works Department which may separately bid the project, or may utilize the City's Continuous Tree Contractor.

Policy Impact Area: Level 2 Tree Planting Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund

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