

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-550

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member DeFoor

Date of Introduction: August 10, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 12, 2021

Type of Action: Establishing neighborhood assessment program; expressing intent to use uniform non-ad valorem special assessment mechanism; direction to Legislative Services Division

Bill Summary: The bill establishes a Neighborhood Assessment Program (NAP) for the Richmond/Shadowlawn area of Avondale to finance the undergrounding of overhead electric power and communications cables by means of a non-ad valorem special assessment. It identifies JEA as the agency to perform the project and provide the initial NAP funding needed to start the project. It directs the Council's Legislative Services Division to send copies of the enacted ordinance to the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and the State of Florida Department of Revenue's Property Tax Oversight Division.

Background Information: The residents of Richmond Street and Shadowlawn Street south of the Avondale town center commercial area petitioned the City to create a NAP and levy a non-ad valorem special assessment to finance the undergrounding of electric, telephone and cable television wires along the two streets. The NAP will consist of 61 lots paying the assessment. JEA estimates total project cost at \$971,334 for a per-lot cost of \$15,924, payable via the special assessment on the property tax bills at a cost of \$1,116 per year for 20 years. Petition signatures were received from 43 of the 61 parcels in the proposed NAP area, or 70.5% of the benefitting parcels.

Policy Impact Area: Financing utility undergrounding

Fiscal Impact: None to the City; the 61 property owners will pay the \$971,334 cost of the project via special assessments over 20 years.

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