

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-720

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 28, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: September 28, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; fiscal year carry-over; Ordinance Code waiver; annual report requirement

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$100,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to provide funding for various education and outreach activities and events such as Clean Air Day and the Aquafest Water Festival at the Museum of Science and History. In addition, the funds will be used to procure professional services for the development and implementation of a comprehensive education and outreach communications plan that focuses on various environmental matters such as open burning, noise, pollution prevention, proper grease disposal, and littering. The funds will also be used for travel, supplies, training, dues, subscriptions, and membership fees for Board members and staff. The funds are authorized to carry-over through the end of the FY23-24 fiscal year. Sections 111.755 and 360.602 of the Ordinance Code are waived, which set forth specific purposes for which Fund must be used by the Environmental Protection Board. The Environmental Quality Division is required to provide an annual report to the EPB on the use of the funds.

Background Information: The waivers are necessary to authorize the Board to utilize funds from the Fund for travel, supplies, training, dues, subscriptions, and membership fees for Board members and staff. At its public hearing on July 19, 2021, the Board determined that such uses are worthwhile and beneficial uses of the Fund, and such Code waivers were approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Policy Impact Area: Education Outreach Activities

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000 appropriation from the Environmental Protection Fund

Analyst: Distel