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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-727

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member DeFoor

Date of Introduction: September 28, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: JWC, NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: September 29, 2021

Type of Action: Resolution expressing Council's legislative intent

Bill Summary: This bill is a resolution signifying City Council's intent to file legislation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding anchoring limitation areas within certain City waterways. Subsection 327.4108(2)(c), *Florida Statutes* specifies that the City of Jacksonville provide notice to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that it intends to establish certain Anchoring Limitation Areas. The aggregate total size of the areas will be less than ten percent of the county's delineated navigable-in-fact waterways, in the following locations: (a) Ortega River Zone 1; (b) Ortega River Zone 2; (c) Ortega River Zone 3; and (d) Ortega River Zone 4.

Background Information: In 2021, the Florida Legislature provided counties the authority to create anchoring limitation areas that meet certain requirements. The anchoring limitation areas must: Be less than 100 acres in size, the calculated size of the anchoring limitation area does not include any portion of the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway contiguous to the anchoring limitation area; Not include any mooring field or marina; and Be clearly marked with all of the following: Signs that provide reasonable notice to boaters identifying the duration of time beyond which anchoring is limited and identifying the county ordinance which the anchoring limitation was created. Buoys marking the boundary of the anchoring limitation area shall be installed and maintained by the City. The purpose of this legislation is to promote the public access to the waters of the state; enhance navigational safety; protect maritime infrastructure; protect the marine environment and deter improperly stored, abandoned, or derelict vessels.

Policy Impact Area: Waterways - Anchoring Limitation Areas

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined costs for signage and buoys

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