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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor
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RE: Shipyards Place to Tower Court - Road Renaming

DATE: August 27, 2025

Consistent with Chapter 745 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code on addressing and street naming regulations, requests to rename streets require a review and recommendation from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. In making a report and recommendation, the Commission shall address the following criteria:

1. The origin of the street name
2. Any historical significance of the existing street name
3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject street
4. Whether the existing name is part of a common theme of street names throughout the community where such street is located
5. The age of the street name
6. Whether the street name is a duplicate street name

Current Street Name: Shipyards Place

Proposed Street Name: Tower Court

Reason for Change:

The name change seeks to build consistency and anticipation for the planned office tower building, as depicted in the Jacksonville Shipyards project.

Analysis:

Shipyard Place is a planned public right-of-way being developed in conjunction with the proposed Jacksonville Shipyards, a development that will consist of a new marina, hotel, office building, and multi-family dwellings. Nonetheless, the shipyards term originates from the surrounding area being historically used for shipbuilding and other maritime activities.

The request for the name change applies to the entire portion of the proposed street, Shipyards Place, as depicted in the location map below.

No historic structures or landmarks have been identified along this portion of the subject street. However, the existing road name is part of a common theme of street names in the area with Lenox Avenue running east to west.

Recommendation:

At the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) on August 27, 2025, the Planning Department had no objections to the proposed street name change Shipyards Place to Tower Court. Based on the best evidence available, **JHPC voted 5-0 to approve the name change.**

Location Map

