

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Bowman, Newby, Freeman, Morgan, Dennis and Pittman:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-347**

6 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING CONFEDERATE PARK,
7 LOCATED AT 956 HUBBARD STREET JACKSONVILLE,
8 FLORIDA 32206, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, TO THE
9 "SPRINGFIELD PARK"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** Confederate Park is located near downtown, in the
13 historic Springfield neighborhood of north Jacksonville; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Confederate Park was first named Dignan Park, for a
15 chairman of the Board of Public Works, it opened in 1907 and
16 contained the City's first supervised playground; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the United Confederate Veterans chose Jacksonville as
18 the site for their annual reunion in 1914, and the park as a site
19 for a monument honoring the Women of the Southland; and

20 **WHEREAS,** five months after the reunion of an estimated 8,000
21 former Confederate soldiers, the City renamed the park, and the
22 monument as erected the next year; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the park has been used for a variety of outdoor
24 activities by the citizens of Jacksonville for more than half a
25 century; and

26 **WHEREAS,** during the early decades, citizens came from all over
27 Jacksonville to attend cultural events at the park or to see the
28 beautiful Rose Arbor; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Council finds that under the circumstances it is
30 appropriate to rename Confederate Park; now therefore

31 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

1 **Section 1. Confederate Park renamed.** Confederate Park
2 located at 956 Hubbard Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, in
3 Council District 7, is hereby renamed the "Springfield Park."

4 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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