

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Peluso and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, Carlucci, J. Carlucci, Carrico,
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Lahnen,
4 Miller, Pittman, Salem and White and amended by the Neighborhoods,
5 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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8 **ORDINANCE 2025-782-E**

9 AN ORDINANCE HONORING THE LEGACY AND BRAVE
10 SERVICE OF FIREFIGHTER HENRY BRADLEY TO THE CITY
11 OF JACKSONVILLE; NAMING THE CITY-OWNED BUILDING
12 LOCATED AT 640 BAY STREET EAST, JACKSONVILLE,
13 FLORIDA, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC
15 FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING
16 PROCEDURES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
17 "HENRY BRADLEY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM"; WAIVING THE
18 TIMELINE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC
19 BUILDINGS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARKS
20 NAMING AND RENAMING PROCEDURES), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
21 PERTAINING TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM
22 THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION OF THE
23 COMMUNITY PLANNING DIVISION OF THE PLANNING AND
24 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE JACKSONVILLE
25 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR NAMING OF
26 A CITY-OWNED BUILDING; WAIVING THE CONFLICTING
27 PROVISION OF SECTION 745.105 (PUBLIC STREET NAME
28 CHANGES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A PORTION OF
29 CATHERINE STREET TO BE RENAMED; RENAMING A
30 PORTION OF THE ROADWAY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS
31 "CATHERINE STREET" TO "HENRY BRADLEY PLACE" IN

COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 745.105
(PUBLIC STREET NAME CHANGES), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO
FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISIONS, FOR
PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND COORDINATION
WITH 911 EMERGENCY, THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND
RESCUE DEPARTMENT, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, AND
OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
PERTAINING TO THE ROAD RENAMING; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Henry Bradley worked as a volunteer firefighter in the
1800s until December 16, 1885, when he perished while battling a
fierce fire during which a wall collapsed on him; and

WHEREAS, the blazing fire quickly spread to Bay Street in
downtown Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, consequently, Henry Bradley was the first firefighter
in the City of Jacksonville to perish in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, despite his sacrifice, Mr. Bradley was initially buried
in the segregated black section of the City's cemetery in an unmarked
grave; and

WHEREAS, more than a century later in 2023, a headstone bearing
Henry Bradley's name, was placed at the Old City Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Bradley's demise in the line of
duty, the City government created a Jacksonville Fire Department
staffed and operated by professionally paid firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bradley's memory was honored with a plaque at the
Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Fire Station No. 1 on Liberty Street;
and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to honor Henry Bradley's
2 significant sacrifice for, and contributions to, the City of
3 Jacksonville by naming the City-owned building located at 620 Bay
4 Street East, Jacksonville, Florida, in Council District 7, the
5 historic Catherine Street Fire Station (Station 3) which now houses
6 a Firefighters Museum, as the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum";
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 122.105, *Ordinance Code*, to
9 name the City-owned Firefighters Museum building have been met, the
10 public hearings have been held, and the Planning and Development
11 Department and Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission ("JHPC")
12 have submitted a report and advisory recommendation to the City
13 Council, respectively; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Section of the Community
15 Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department provided
16 its report in accordance with Section 122.105(b), *Ordinance Code*, and
17 the JHPC reviewed this report at its meeting on August 27, 2025, in
18 accordance with Section 122.105(c), *Ordinance Code*, and both
19 recommend approval of the proposed naming as reflected in the Report
20 of the Historic Preservation Section and Advisory Recommendation of
21 the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and the excerpt
22 from the transcript of the August 27, 2025, JHPC meeting attached
23 hereto collectively as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this
24 reference; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the naming of the aforementioned
26 City-owned building to the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum" as
27 described above, the Council also desires to honor Mr. Bradley by
28 renaming a portion of the street on which the building is located to
29 "Henry Bradley Place"; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in keeping with this request, the Public Works
31 Department, Development Services Division, issued a staff

1 recommendation to approve the renaming of a portion of "Catherine
2 Street" to "Henry Bradley Place" and a copy of said recommendation
3 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this
4 reference; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2025, the 911 Emergency Addressing
6 Advisory Committee considered the request during a public meeting and
7 voted to accept the staff recommendation to rename a portion of
8 "Catherine Street" to "Henry Bradley Place" and a copy of the Summary
9 of Meeting Minutes of said meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**
10 and incorporated herein by this reference; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the Historic Preservation Section of the
12 Community Planning Division of the Planning and Development
13 Department issued a Memorandum with a recommendation to approve the
14 renaming of a portion of "Catherine Street" to "Henry Bradley Place"
15 and a copy of said staff recommendation is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
16 **4** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2025, the JHPC held a public meeting
18 where it considered this matter and voted to accept the recommendation
19 to rename a portion of "Catherine Street" to "Henry Bradley Place"
20 and a copy of an excerpt of the minutes of said meeting is attached
21 hereto as **Exhibit 5** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

22 **WHEREAS**, upon this legislation becoming effective, the City will
23 install a new street sign at the affected roadway segment to reflect
24 "Henry Bradley Place" as the designated street name; now therefore

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

26 **Section 1. Naming of City-Owned Building in Council**
27 **District 7 to Honor Henry Bradley Approved.** The City-owned building
28 located at 620 Bay Street East, Jacksonville, Florida, in District
29 7, is hereby named the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum" to honor
30 the legacy and recognize the contributions of Henry Bradley to the
31 City of Jacksonville.

1 **Section 2. Waiver of Timeline Established in Section**
2 **122.105, Ordinance Code.** The timeline established in Section 122.105
3 (Public buildings, public facilities and public parks naming and
4 renaming procedures), Part 1 (Municipal Buildings and Offices),
5 Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, pursuant to which the
6 Historic Preservation Section of the Community Planning Division of
7 the Planning and Development Department shall issue a report and the
8 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission shall issue an advisory
9 recommendation to the City Council pertaining to the naming of a
10 public building is hereby waived. The requirements of Section
11 122.105, *Ordinance Code*, with respect to delivery of a report and
12 recommendation to the City Council pertaining to the naming of a
13 City-owned building have been met. However, the Planning and
14 Development Department completed its report and the JHPC rendered its
15 advisory opinion prior to introduction of this legislation thus
16 necessitating the need for this waiver.

17 **Section 3. Waiver of Conflicting Provision of Section**
18 **745.105, Ordinance Code.** The conflicting provision of subsection (h)
19 of Section 745.105 (Public street name changes), Part 1 (General
20 Provisions), Chapter 745 (Addressing and Street Naming Regulations),
21 *Ordinance Code*, which requires that all street name changes shall be
22 for the entire length of the street is hereby waived to allow a
23 portion of Catherine Street to be renamed.

24 **Section 4. A portion of Catherine Street renamed as "Henry**
25 **Bradley Place".** The portion of "Catherine Street" located south of
26 Bay Street on which the Firefighters Museum is located is hereby
27 renamed "Henry Bradley Place" by which name such street and physical
28 location shall be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map
29 of Henry Bradley Place is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** and
30 incorporated herein by this reference.

31 **Section 5. Direction to Chief of the Legislative Services**

1 **Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby
2 directed to send a copy of this Ordinance, once enacted, to the Public
3 Works Department, Development Services and Traffic Engineering
4 Divisions, for processing, implementation, and coordination with 911
5 Emergency, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the U.S.
6 Postal Service, and other affected agencies and organizations
7 pertaining to the road renaming approved herein.

8 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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