

Introduced by Council Member Peluso and amended by the Neighborhoods,
Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-731-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
RENAMING A ROADWAY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS
"SHIPYARDS PLACE" TO "TOWER COURT" IN COUNCIL
DISTRICT 7; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF THE
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD A COPY
OF THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISIONS, FOR PROCESSING
AND COORDINATION WITH 911 EMERGENCY, THE
JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, THE
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES
AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Addressing Section of the Public Works
Department, Development Services Division, received an application
to re-name a roadway currently identified as "Shipyards Place",
extending between Bay Street East to the St. Johns River in Council
District 7, to "Tower Court" and copies of the Application for Street
Name Change on a Public Street and the receipt of payment of the
application fee are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**,
respectively, and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the proposed street name change to "Tower
Court" is to better align the street name to the presence of the
newly constructed Four Seasons Hotel located adjacent to the subject
roadway; and

WHEREAS, upon this legislation becoming effective, the City will

1 install a new street sign at the subject roadway to reflect "Tower
2 Court" as the designated street name; and

3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to subsection 745.105(i)(6), *Ordinance Code*,
4 the Addressing Section mailed a notification letter on July 22, 2025,
5 to an affected property owner requesting the property owner to
6 indicate their consent or objection to the proposed street re-naming
7 and a copy of the notification letter is attached as **Exhibit 3** and
8 incorporated herein by this reference; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2025, said affected property owner
10 indicated their written consent of the proposed street re-naming, and
11 a copy of the written consent is attached as **Exhibit 4** and
12 incorporated herein by this reference; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Community Planning Division, Historic Preservation
14 Section of the Planning and Development Department issued a Memorandum
15 to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission ("JHPC")
16 indicating the Planning and Development Department had no objection
17 to the proposed re-naming of "Shipyards Place" to "Tower Court" and
18 a copy of said Memorandum is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** and
19 incorporated herein by this reference; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on August 27, 2025, the JHPC held a public meeting
21 where it considered this matter and voted to approve the re-naming
22 of "Shipyards Place" to "Tower Court" and a copy of the relevant
23 portion of the transcript of said meeting is attached hereto as
24 **Exhibit 6** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department, Development Services
26 Division, presented a recommendation to the 911 Emergency Addressing
27 Advisory Committee to approve the re-naming of "Shipyards Place" to
28 "Tower Court" and a copy of said presentation is attached hereto as
29 **Exhibit 7** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

30 **WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2025, the 911 Emergency Addressing
31 Advisory Committee considered this matter during a public meeting and

1 voted to accept the staff recommendation to re-name "Shipyards Place"
2 to "Tower Court" and a summary of the minutes of said meeting is
3 attached hereto as **Exhibit 8** and incorporated herein by this
4 reference; and

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to subsection 745.105(i)(6), *Ordinance Code*,
6 the Addressing Section electronically mailed a notification letter
7 on September 11, 2025, to the Downtown Investment Authority ("DIA")
8 requesting the DIA indicate its consent or objection to the proposed
9 street re-naming on behalf of the City of Jacksonville and a copy of
10 the notification letter is attached as **Exhibit 9** and incorporated
11 herein by this reference.; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2025, the DIA Chief Executive Officer
13 provided written consent of the proposed street re-naming, and a copy
14 of the written consent is attached as **Exhibit 10** and incorporated
15 herein by this reference; and

16 **WHEREAS**, based upon the Application, recommendations and
17 comments from Public Works Department staff, the 911 Emergency
18 Addressing Advisory Committee, Planning and Development Department
19 staff, and the JHPC, the City Council finds it appropriate to re-name
20 "Shipyards Place" to "Tower Court"; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1. Shipyards Place Renamed as "Tower Court"**. The
23 roadway currently identified as "Shipyards Place" is hereby re-named
24 to "Tower Court" by which name such street and physical location
25 shall be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of Tower
26 Court is attached hereto as **Exhibit 11** and incorporated herein by
27 this reference.

28 **Section 2. Direction to Chief of the Legislative Services**
29 **Division**. The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby
30 directed to send a copy of this Ordinance, once enacted, to the Public
31 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.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall
become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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