

1 The Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee offers the  
2 following Second Substitute to File No. 2019-128:

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4 Introduced by Council Member Gulliford and Co-Sponsored by Council  
5 Member R. Gaffney:

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8 **ORDINANCE 2019-128**

9 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST EXTENDING  
10 APPROXIMATELY .10 MILE FROM BROAD STREET  
11 NORTH TO PEARL STREET NORTH TO "REVEREND HENRY  
12 T RHIM BOULEVARD", IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7;  
13 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
14 745.105(H), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT A NAME CHANGE  
15 BE FOR AN ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE STREET; WAIVING  
16 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 745.105(I) (2),  
17 *ORDINANCE CODE*, REGARDING PERSONS WHO STREETS  
18 MAY BE NAMED AFTER; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS  
19 OF SECTION 745.105 (I) (3), *ORDINANCE CODE*,  
20 REQUIRING THAT THE PERSON RESIDE WITHIN FIVE  
21 MILES OF THE STREET NAME CHANGE FOR AT LEAST  
22 TEN YEARS; DIRECTING LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO  
23 FORWARD ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT;  
24 DIRECTING THAT ONE OVERHEAD SIGN BE PLACED AT  
25 THE INTERSECTION OF 1ST STREET WEST AND PEARL  
26 STREET NORTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS**, more than 40 years ago, Henry Thomas Rhim was highly  
29 recommended by the leaders of the Luther Rice Seminary to be the  
30 new Pastor Teacher for St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church; and

31 **WHEREAS**, in a span of four decades, Reverend Doctor H.T. Rhim

1 has served as an outstanding leader, and pastor impacting thousands  
2 of lives in the Jacksonville area as the Pastor of St. Joseph  
3 Missionary Baptist Church; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as the pastor of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist  
5 Church, Reverend Doctor H.T. Rhim has implemented approximately 44  
6 innovative ministries including but not limited to the Big  
7 Brothers/Big Sisters Ministry, the Computer Ministry; the  
8 Educational Ministry and the Social Justice Ministry; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to give hope and inspiration to all  
10 residents in Jacksonville, the Radio Ministry entitled "Let the  
11 Bible Speak," was first broadcasted on the air in 1970 on WBIX, and  
12 continued in more recent years as a weekly broadcast on WCGL; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, the members of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist  
14 Church purchased 2.5 acres of land and broke ground on a new church  
15 building on April 20, 1985 and within less than 10 years,  
16 completely satisfied the mortgage for the new church building in  
17 September, 1994; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim has served in numerous  
19 officer roles in the East Florida and Bethany Baptist Association  
20 including serving as President, Financial Secretary, and Chieftain  
21 of the Youth Department; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim served commendably as a  
23 member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Ministers Conference  
24 of Duval and surrounding communities, and the Interdenominational  
25 Ministerial Alliance; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim's role as a successful  
27 leader has extended statewide; he was elected and eventually served  
28 10 consecutive terms as the President of the Progressive Missionary  
29 and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim was appointed at the  
31 national level to the finance committee of the National Baptist

1 Convention of America, Inc., and quickly advanced to be appointed  
2 1st Vice President of the Congress in September, 1988 and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice  
3 President in 1990; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as a representative of the Congress of National  
5 Black Churches, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim authored 2 devotions  
6 for the African American Devotional Bible; and

7 **WHEREAS**, expressing his sincere devotion for the Jacksonville  
8 community, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim is an active member of the  
9 NAACP, and was appointed, in 1986 to the Governor's Task Force on  
10 the Black Family by Governor Bob Graham and numerous other Task  
11 Forces and the Jacksonville Urban League; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, he was appointed to the University of North  
13 Florida Student-to-Student Program's Advisory Council; and

14 **WHEREAS**, most notably, the Florida Seminary at Lakeland,  
15 Florida awarded Reverend Doctor Rhim an Honorary Doctor of Divinity  
16 Degree; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in early 1997, Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim  
18 chartered and developed the Blackbottom/Springfield Human  
19 Development Corporation which formed the Project S.P.I.R.I.T.  
20 program for after-school tutoring and summer camp activities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church has been in  
22 the Jacksonville community since 1930, having prior received  
23 national recognition for celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church  
25 received acknowledgements from President Bill Clinton; Vice  
26 President Al Gore, Senator Bob Graham, Governor Jeb Bush, Senator  
27 Betty Holzendorf, Mayor John A. Delaney, Sheriff Nathaniel Glover  
28 and other Presidential cabinet members; and

29 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2012, Reverend Doctor Rhim was honored  
30 by the Baptist Ministries Conference of Duval and Adjacent Counties  
31 with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Rhim was honored by the Jacksonville  
2 Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a  
3 recipient of their SCLC Legends, Pioneers and Trailblazer Award on  
4 April 5, 2013; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in February 2015, recognizing him as a long-time  
6 community activist and role-model, Reverend Doctor Rhim received a  
7 Trailblazers Award from Mayor Alvin Brown; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Doctor Rhim was named by the Barker  
9 Foundation as one of the legends in ministry in its 1<sup>st</sup> Ministry  
10 Legends Awards in October 2015; and

11           **WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2019, the Jacksonville Historic  
12 Preservation Commission ("JHPC") met and considered the JHPC Staff  
13 Report and Recommendation which stated that this segment of 1<sup>st</sup>  
14 Street west of Pearl Street was platted in 1979 and does not have  
15 historical significance regarding the existing name. Based upon  
16 this information, the Commission voted to approve the name change.  
17 A copy of the JHPC Staff Report and Recommendation, and an excerpt  
18 of the transcript of the meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**;  
19 and

20           **WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2019, the 911 Emergency Addressing  
21 Advisory Committee met and considered the application as filed,  
22 which would rename a portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, extending from  
23 Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North. An excerpt of the  
24 minutes of the April 3, 2019, 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory  
25 Committee meeting are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. The Committee  
26 recommended that the application be approved to rename this portion  
27 of 1<sup>st</sup> West Street for Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the application fee has been remitted to satisfy the  
29 cost for the name change and new signage, a copy of the receipt is  
30 hereby attached as **Exhibit 4**; and

31           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105(c), notice has been

1 provided to all adjoining property owners, copies of which are  
2 attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while an adjoining property owner, First Florida  
4 Credit Union, which owns the other two parcels on this section of  
5 the road objected to the original request to rename the portion of  
6 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North,  
7 First Florida Credit Union was amenable to the applicant revising  
8 the application to rename the portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, from Broad  
9 Street North to Pearl Street North, thereby providing that 100% of  
10 the property owners whose address is assigned agree to the renaming  
11 of the street; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of subsection 745.105 (h), *Ordinance*  
13 *Code*, require that street name changes be for the entire length of  
14 the street, and not a short segment; but given the size of the  
15 segment requested and the adverse impact that extending the  
16 renaming of the street to Jefferson Street might have on First  
17 Florida Credit Union, the Council hereby has determined that  
18 renaming the section of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, from Broad Street North to  
19 Pearl Street North is the best alternative; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 745.105 (i) (2), *Ordinance*  
21 *Code*, allow for streets to be renamed for persons who have been  
22 deceased for a minimum five (5) years, but given the contributions  
23 of Reverend Doctor Henry T. Rhim's accomplishments and the  
24 community's desire to honor Doctor Rhim during his lifetime, the  
25 Council hereby has determined to waive that limitation; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 745.105 (i)(3) require that  
27 the person being honored should have resided in the community  
28 within five miles of the street name change for at least ten years  
29 but given Reverend Doctor Rhim's connection to this location  
30 through the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, which has been  
31 located on this road for more than 30 years, it is appropriate to

1 waive this limitation; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the Council has, by a 2/3 vote, agreed to waive the  
3 requirements of Sections 745.105 (h), (i) (2) and (i) (3), Ordinance  
4 Code; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to honor Reverend Doctor Rhim for  
6 his faithful service to St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church and  
7 the surrounding community by renaming a portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West  
8 from Broad Street North to Pearl Street North; now therefore,

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

10       **Section 1.       1<sup>st</sup> Street West Renamed.** The name of 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
11 West, extending approximately .10 mile from Broad Street North to  
12 Pearl Street North, in Council District 7, is hereby renamed  
13 "Reverend Henry T Rhim Boulevard", by which name such street shall  
14 be hereafter known. A copy of the map of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West to  
15 "Reverend Henry T Rhim Blvd" is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit**  
16 **1.**

17       **Section 2.       Waiver of Section 745.105(h), Ordinance Code.**  
18 **Section 745.105(h), Ordinance Code**, requiring that the proposed  
19 street name change shall be for the entire length of the street and  
20 not for a short segment of the street is hereby waived to allow for  
21 the new street name as set forth in Section 1 so that the existing  
22 address of the Florida First Credit Union, between Jefferson Street  
23 and Broad Street, is not altered.

24       **Section 3.       Waiver of Section 745.105 (i) (2), Ordinance**  
25 **Code.** Section 745.105 (i) (2), *Ordinance Code*, requiring the  
26 approval of streets named for persons who have been deceased for  
27 five years, is hereby waived as Reverend Doctor Rhim is not  
28 deceased, and to allow for the new street name as set forth in  
29 Section 1 hereof, given the many contributions of Reverend Doctor  
30 Rhim to the community.

31       **Section 4.       Waiver of Section 745.105(i) (3), Ordinance**

1 **Code. Section 745.105(i)(3), Ordinance Code,** requiring that the  
2 person to whom the proposed street name change is requested shall  
3 have resided in the community within five miles of the street name  
4 change for at least ten years is hereby waived as Reverend Doctor  
5 Rhim has not lived within five miles of the requested street name  
6 change but his congregation, to which he has served as pastor for  
7 more than 40 years, St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church has been  
8 located on this segment of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West for more than thirty (30)  
9 years and has had a profound impact on the surrounding community.

10 **Section 5. Directing Legislative Services to forward a**  
11 **copy to the Planning Department.** The Chief of Legislative Services  
12 is requested to send a copy of this legislation once enacted to the  
13 Planning Department, Addressing Unit, for processing,  
14 implementation, and coordination with the Public Works Department,  
15 Traffic Engineering Division and other affected agencies and  
16 organizations.

17 **Section 6. Directing that one overhead sign be placed at**  
18 **the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West and Pearl Street North.** The  
19 Public Works Departments, Traffic Engineering Division is directed  
20 to place one overhead sign at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West  
21 and Pearl Street North as a result of the renaming referenced in  
22 Section 1 above.

23 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall  
24 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming  
25 effective without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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