

1 Introduced by the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-554**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
6 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) *ORDINANCE CODE*;
7 TO OFFICIALLY DECLARE THAT "RACETRACK" ROAD
8 EXTENDING FROM PHILIPS HIGHWAY IN DUVAL COUNTY
9 TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE SHOULD BE
10 DESIGNATED AS TWO SEPARATE WORDS AS "RACE TRACK"
11 ROAD; PROVIDING A COMPLIANCE TIME PERIOD TO
12 REQUIRE THAT ALL CITIZENS, PROPERTY OWNERS,
13 BUSINESS OWNERS AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
14 UTILIZE THE CORRECT DESIGNATION AND SPELLING OF
15 "RACETRACK" AS "RACE TRACK" ROAD ON ANY AND ALL
16 OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, RESIDENCE ADDRESSES, STREET
17 SIGNS, HIGHWAY MARKERS AND ELECTRONIC
18 COMMUNICATIONS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024;
19 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO
20 FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND
21 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS
22 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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24 **WHEREAS**, "Racetrack Road" extending from Philips Highway in
25 Duval County to the St. Johns County Boundary Line has for many years
26 been officially recognized by the City of Jacksonville as one word
27 for purposes of street naming and addressing data. A map of "Race
28 Track Road" is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

29 **WHEREAS**, "Racetrack" Road extends into neighboring Saint Johns
30 County; and

31 **WHEREAS**, a representative for the Saint Johns County Sheriff's

1 Office confirmed that St. John's County's addressing data systems
2 officially recognizes "Race Track" Road as two separate words; and

3 **WHEREAS**, mapping applications such as Google Maps recognizes
4 "Race Track" Road as two separate words; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the majority of City of Jacksonville street signs
6 include "Race Track" Road as two separate words; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the discrepancy between "Racetrack" and "Race Track"
8 has created confusion, and caused addressing data systems to perform
9 incorrectly; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Council seeks to officially recognize and declare
11 that "Racetrack" Road extending from Philips Highway in Duval County
12 to the St. Johns County Boundary Line should be designated as "Race
13 Track" Road; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2023, the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory
15 Committee voted to adopt the Staff recommendation for approval to
16 officially recognize and declare that "Racetrack" Road extending from
17 Philips Highway in Duval County to the St. Johns County Boundary Line
18 should be designated and spelled as "Race Track" Road. A copy of the
19 911 Committee Powerpoint presentation, and the excerpt minutes of the
20 July 5, 2023 public meeting of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory
21 Committee are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds it appropriate to officially
23 recognize and declare that "Racetrack Road" extending from Philips
24 Highway in Duval County to the St. Johns County Boundary Line should
25 be designated and spelled as "Race Track Road"; and

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

27 **Section 1. "Racetrack Road" officially recognized, spelled**
28 **and declared as "Race Track Road"** The official recognition, spelling
29 and declaration of the name of "Racetrack Road", extending from
30 Philips Highway in Duval County to the St. Johns County Boundary
31 line, is hereby recognized as "Race Track Road" which name of such

1 street shall be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of
2 "Race Track Road" is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

3 **Section 2. Compliance Time Period to Occur on or before**
4 **December 31, 2024.** All citizens, property owners, business owners and
5 governmental entities shall utilize "Race Track Road" on any and all
6 official documents, residence addresses, street signs, highway
7 markers, and electronic communication on or before December 31, 2024.

8 **Section 3. Legislative Services Division directed to**
9 **forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department and the**
10 **Public Works Department.** The Chief of Legislative Services is directed
11 to send a copy of this legislation once enacted to the Planning and
12 Development Department, Addressing Unit, and the Public Works
13 Department for processing, implementation, and coordination with 911
14 Emergency, Fire and Rescue Department, the U.S. Postal Service, and
15 other affected agencies and organizations.

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/Cherry Shaw Pollock

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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