

1 Introduced by Council Member White:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-555**

5 AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE CITY-OWNED BUILDING  
6 LOCATED AT 515 JULIA STREET, JACKSONVILLE,  
7 FLORIDA 32202, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, PURSUANT  
8 TO SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC  
9 FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING  
10 PROCEDURES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
11 "GARY F. KEYS, SR. FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS";  
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville owns the building located at  
15 515 Julia Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, in Council District 7  
16 which serves as the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD")  
17 headquarters; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Gary F. Keys, Sr. served as Chief of the Jacksonville  
19 Fire and Rescue Department for 29 years beginning in 1960 and was an  
20 original member of the Rescue Division that was established in 1968;  
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22 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the City of Jacksonville, Chief  
23 Keys served in a number of integral positions within JFRD including  
24 Chief of Operations and Chief of Fire Services; he also served as  
25 Jacksonville's Deputy Director of Public Safety; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of Chief Keys' career came in 1988  
27 when he was promoted to Fire Chief, the highest ranking position  
28 within the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his storied career with JFRD, Chief  
30 Keys served three terms as President of the International Association  
31 of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 122 union and upon his retirement from

1 JFRD he returned to the union to become its business agent; and

2 **WHEREAS,** although Chief Keys passed away on December 23, 2014,  
3 his legacy with JFRD and the City is still felt today by those who  
4 knew him personally and by those firefighters who have come behind  
5 him, despite never having the privilege to meet him; his impact is  
6 not only felt in the multiple tactics, procedures and policies he  
7 created for JFRD, but also in the standards he set for all union  
8 presidents who represent our firefighters; and

9 **WHEREAS,** it is for these reasons the Jacksonville City Council  
10 desires to recognize Gary F. Keys, Sr. by naming the building located  
11 at 515 Julia Street the "Gary F. Keys, Sr. Fire Rescue Headquarters"  
12 pursuant to Section 122.105, *Ordinance Code*; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The building located at 515 Julia Street,  
15 Jacksonville, Florida 32202, is hereby named the "Gary F. Keys, Sr.  
16 Fire Rescue Headquarters" in accordance with the procedures set forth  
17 in Section 122.105, *Ordinance Code*. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
18 Department is the sole occupant of this building and will continue  
19 to be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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