

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the  
2 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2021-320**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC  
7 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AMENDING THE  
8 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 325 EAST DUVAL STREET,  
9 THE YWCA BUILDING, OWNED BY VC CATHEDRAL, LLC,  
10 REAL ESTATE NUMBER 073617-0020, IN COUNCIL  
11 DISTRICT 7, JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE  
12 CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO NOTIFY THE  
13 APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND THE PROPERTY  
14 APPRAISER OF THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION, AND TO  
15 RECORD THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL  
16 RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING  
17 ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION  
18 ON THE ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
19 DATE.

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council ("Council") enacted  
22 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, to facilitate  
23 the designation of landmarks and amending landmarks, where  
24 appropriate; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the YWCA building located at 325 East Duval Street  
26 was constructed in 1949 and consists of an "L" shaped portion,  
27 which fronts on the northeast corner of East Duval Street and  
28 Shields Place and a rear, flat-roof portion facing a parking lot on  
29 the interior of the block; and

30 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2017-436-E, the "L" shaped  
31 portion was designated a local landmark at the request of the

1 previous owner; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the current owner, VC Cathedral, LLC, has requested  
3 the landmark designation be amended to include the rear, flat-roof  
4 portion of the YWCA building (the "Third Wing"), located at 325  
5 East Duval Street, Real Estate Number 073617-0020, in Council  
6 District 7; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the Third Wing is part of the original 1949 building  
8 constructed of materials and basic design features compatible with  
9 the "L" shaped portion; and

10       **WHEREAS**, in approximately 1949, the three-story Colonial  
11 Revival style building was designed to house the Young Woman's  
12 Christian Association, which provided permanent and transient  
13 accommodations and services for young single women living and  
14 working in Jacksonville; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the YWCA building was designed by architect Jefferson  
16 Davis Powell and constructed by Owen Preston Woodcock both masters  
17 in their fields and identified as influencers of the development of  
18 the City of Jacksonville; and

19       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic  
20 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has considered the  
21 issue of amending the landmark designation to include the Third  
22 Wing, taking into consideration its importance and historical  
23 value, as more fully set forth in the Designation Application, LM-  
24 21-03, and Staff Report of the Historic Preservation Section of the  
25 Planning and Development Department, a copy of which is **on file**  
26 with Legislative Services as **Composite 1**, and incorporated by  
27 reference herein (the "Application and Staff Report"); and

28       **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements  
29 have been met for amending the landmark designation; and

30       **WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2021, the Jacksonville Historic  
31 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of

1 amending the landmark designation (the transcript of the  
2 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission is **on file** as  
3 **Composite 2**); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the property owner is in support of the landmark  
5 designation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, having met the requisite criteria, the Council finds  
7 that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of  
8 Jacksonville to amend the local landmark designation of 325 East  
9 Duval Street to include the Third Wing of the YWCA building as a  
10 local landmark, in furtherance of historic preservation and  
11 protection; now, therefore

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

13 **Section 1. Amending of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to  
14 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council  
15 hereby amends the local landmark designation of the YWCA building  
16 located at 325 East Duval Street, Real Estate Number 073617-0020,  
17 in Council District 7, to include the Third Wing as a local  
18 landmark.

19 **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The  
20 Council hereby finds that the YWCA building meets four (4) of the  
21 requisite criteria set forth in Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*,  
22 as more fully set forth in the Application and Staff Report.

23 **Section 3. Notice of Landmark Designation.** Pursuant to  
24 Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the  
25 Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council  
26 Secretary, to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the  
27 Property Appraiser of the designation of the landmark.

28 **Section 4. Recording of Landmark Designation.** The  
29 Council hereby directs the Chief of Legislative Services to record  
30 this ordinance in the official records for Duval County, Florida.

31 **Section 5. Landmark Designation on Zoning Atlas.**

1 Pursuant to Section 307.104(n), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby  
2 directs the Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of  
3 the Planning and Development Department, to enter the local  
4 landmark designation on the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with  
5 Section 656.203, *Ordinance Code*.

6 **Section 6. Effective Date.** The enactment of this  
7 ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of  
8 the Council and therefore shall become effective upon signature by  
9 the Council President and Council Secretary.

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11 Form Approved:

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13           /s/ Kealey A. West          

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Kealey West

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