

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-89

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: February 8, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: February 10, 2022

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark; direction to Chief of Legislative Services, Property Appraiser and Zoning Administrator

Bill Summary: The bill designates the building at 211 West Ashley Street (the First Baptist Church Youth Building), identified as a contributing property in the Downtown Jacksonville National Historic District, as a local historic landmark based on its satisfaction of 3 of the requisite criteria for landmark designation. It directs the Chief of Legislative Services to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property Appraiser of the designation of the landmark and to record the ordinance in the official records for the county. It directs the Zoning Administrator to enter the local landmark designation on the Zoning Atlas.

Background Information: The First Baptist Church Youth Building is significant as representing the transition of pre-war revival styles and traditional commercial designs to the modern movement in architecture. The design is a variation of the Mid-Modern style popular from the 1940s through the mid-1970s. The Planning and Development Department's report on the application finds that the building is eligible for historic designation due to meeting 3 of the applicable criteria: its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City (representing the transition of pre-war revival styles and traditional commercial designs to the modern movement in architecture defined by the Art Deco, Art Moderne and Mid-Modern styles and also representing the growth and expansion of the First Baptist Church from its original one-block site to additional surrounding blocks); it has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials (variation of the Mid-Modern style of the 1940s through the mid-1970s); and its suitability for preservation or restoration. The building is owned by EJPC LLC which supports the historic designation.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None to the City

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