

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-489**

5 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY FORMERLY  
6 KNOWN AS THE JACKSONVILLE LANDING, LOCATED AT  
7 E. INDEPENDENT DRIVE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
8 32202 AS A PUBLIC PARK AND GREEN SPACE; NAMING  
9 THE PUBLIC PARK AND GREEN SPACE "VETERANS  
10 LANDING"; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON  
11 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, in recent years, the City has offered a vision for  
14 the riverfront land which was once known as the Jacksonville  
15 Landing to become acres of green park space for public enjoyment;  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Council believes that a public park and green  
18 space would transform the property and be a focal point for  
19 downtown Jacksonville and further desires to designate the land as  
20 a public park and green space; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City would like to name the park to recognize the  
22 sacrifices of the veterans who reside in Jacksonville; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Council believes that it is a fitting honorarium  
24 to the City's veterans to name this public park and green space in  
25 remembrance of their service to the United States as "Veterans  
26 Landing"; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Former Jacksonville Landing property**  
29 **designated as public park and green space.** The property located  
30 along the riverfront at E. Independent Drive, Jacksonville, 32202,  
31 which is the former location of the Jacksonville Landing is hereby

1 designated by the City of Jacksonville as a public park and green  
2 space

3           **Section 2. Naming public park and green space as**  
4 **"Veterans Landing."** The land designated as public park and green  
5 space in Section 1 above is hereby named "Veterans Landing."

6           **Section 3. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**  
7 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
8 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the  
9 emergency is that legislation is currently pending to rename  
10 Hemming Park, Ordinance 2020-357, and one name proposed is  
11 "Veterans Memorial Park" so it would be prudent to consider this  
12 legislation at the same time.

13           **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Paige Hobbs Johnston

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