

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

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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-89**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC
7 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; DESIGNATING THE
8 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH BUILDING, OWNED BY
9 EJPC, LLC, LOCATED AT 211 WEST ASHLEY STREET, REAL
10 ESTATE NUMBER 073947-0000, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7,
11 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK;
12 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO
13 NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND THE
14 PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK
15 DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK
16 DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL
17 COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO
18 ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE ZONING
19 ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE 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 local landmarks and landmark sites, where
24 appropriate; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the structure to be designated by this ordinance is the
26 First Baptist Church Youth Building located at 211 West Ashley Street,
27 Real Estate Number 073947-0000, in Council District 7; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the building was constructed as an education resource
29 for the First Baptist Church, a prominent organization in downtown
30 Jacksonville; and

31 **WHEREAS**, identified as a contributing property in the Downtown

1 Jacksonville National Historic District, the First Baptist Church
2 Youth Building is significant as representing the transition of pre-
3 war revival styles and traditional commercial designs to the modern
4 movement in architecture defined by the Art Deco, Art Moderne and
5 Mid-Modern Styles; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the design of the First Baptist Church Youth Building
7 is a variation of the Mid-Modern style of the 1940s through the mid-
8 1970s; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the primary elevation of the Youth Building has a sharp,
10 clear, and unadorned exterior, a common trait in Mid-Modern buildings,
11 as well as a centrally placed slightly recessed area composed of
12 glass and metal that runs vertically from the second to the fourth
13 story; and

14 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic
15 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has considered the issue
16 of designating the First Baptist Church Youth Building as a landmark,
17 taking into consideration its importance and historical value, as
18 more fully set forth in the Designation Application, LM-22-02, and
19 Staff Report of the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and
20 Development Department, a copy of which is **on file** with Legislative
21 Services and incorporated by reference herein (the "Application and
22 Staff Report"); and

23 **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements have
24 been met for designating the First Baptist Church Youth Building as
25 a local landmark; and

26 **WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2022, the Jacksonville Historic
27 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the
28 landmark designation; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the property owner is in support of the landmark
30 designation; and

31 **WHEREAS**, having met the requisite criteria, the Council finds

1 that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of
2 Jacksonville to designate the First Baptist Church Youth Building as
3 a local landmark in furtherance of historic preservation and
4 protection; now, therefore

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

6 **Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to
7 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council
8 hereby designates the First Baptist Church Youth Building located at
9 211 West Ashley Street, Real Estate Number 073947-0000, in Council
10 District 7, as a local landmark.

11 **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The Council
12 hereby finds that the First Baptist Church Youth Building located at
13 211 West Ashely Street meets three (3) of the requisite criteria set
14 forth in Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*, as more fully set forth
15 in the Application and Staff Report.

16 **Section 3. Notice and Recording of Landmark Designation.**
17 Pursuant to Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby
18 directs the Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council
19 Secretary, to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the
20 Property Appraiser of the designation of the landmark and to record
21 this ordinance in the official records for Duval County, Florida.

22 **Section 4. Landmark Designation on Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant
23 to Section 307.104(n), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the
24 Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and
25 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on
26 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance Code*.

27 **Section 5. Effective Date.** The enactment of this ordinance
28 shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the Council
29 and therefore shall become effective upon signature by the Council
30 President and Council Secretary.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Kealey West

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Kealey West

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