

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-267

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, TEU

Date of Analysis: April 13, 2026

Type of Action: Street renaming, Waiver

Bill Summary: This bill renames the roadway currently identified as 'Fingerlake Street' to 'Fairfield Way' in Council District 12, pursuant to Section 745.105 (Public Street Name Changes), Ordinance Code. The bill waives the mailing requirements of subsection 745.105(j)(10), Ordinance Code, as there are no affected property owners addressed from Fingerlake Street. The bill directs the Legislative Services Division to forward a copy of the enacted ordinance to the Public Works Department, Development Services Division, Addressing Section, for processing, implementation, and coordination with 911 Emergency, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the U.S. Post Office, and other affected agencies and organizations.

Background Information: The applicant, The Greater Jacksonville Fair Association, Inc. d/b/a Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, submitted an application for a Street Name Change and the required fee requesting to change "Fingerlake Street" to "Fairgrounds Way" on September 9, 2025. The Historic Preservation Section of the Community Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department issued a Memorandum to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) indicating that it did not have an objection to the renaming. The JHPC held a public meeting on September 24, 2025 and voted to recommend approval of the renaming. The Public Works Department, Development Services Division, presented the proposal to the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee and confirmed that City Addressing staff had no objections to the renaming. The 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee considered the request during a public meeting and voted to approve the renaming on November 5, 2025.

Subsequently, the initial street renaming request was delayed at the City Engineer's request to allow the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to provide input. Parks staff suggested the revised name 'Fairfield Way,' and the applicant agreed. The 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee re-considered the revised name during a public meeting on March 4, 2026, and voted to approve the renaming of "Fingerlake Street" to "Fairfield Way".

Policy Impact Area: Addressing and street naming

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact

Analyst: Libby