

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0652

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: August 26, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 26, 2025

Type of Action: Roadway renaming

Bill Summary: This bill renames a roadway currently identified as Manning Cemetery Road to Solomon Road in Council District 12. The bill also directs the Chief of the Legislative Services Division to forward a copy of the ordinance to the Public Works Department, Development Services and Traffic Engineering Divisions, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the US Postal Service, and other affected agencies and organizations.

Background Information: The Addressing Section of the Public Works Department, Development Services Division, received notifications from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office that properties with a Manning Cemetery Road address have been addressed in a manner that causes delays in the emergency response system. This issue arises from incorrect data being entered into the City's addressing system and other mapping systems. This includes numerous addresses that were assigned to incorrect roads, addresses that were out of sequence, roads that were improperly named, and discrepancies in map sources, such as Google, which display different versions of the area addresses.

This concern was presented to the 911 Emergency Addressing and Advisory Committee on January 3, 2024. The 911 Committee voted to rename Manning Cemetery Road to Solomon Road to allow emergency services to quickly identify, locate, and access the road in the event of an emergency. The 911 Committee then held additional meetings on March 6, 2024, May 9, 2024, June 5, 2024, July 11, 2024, November 6, 2024, January 8, 2025, and June 4, 2025, and discussed updates and inquiries from affected residents. On April 29, 2024, Council Member Randy White held a community meeting at the Chaffee Road Library Branch to discuss the issue. The Community Planning Division, Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development Department, also issued a memorandum with a recommendation to approve the renaming. On April 23, 2025, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting during which it voted to accept the Historic Preservation Section's recommendation.

Pursuant to subsection 745.105(i)(6), *Ordinance Code*, the Addressing Section mailed notification letters on July 1, 2024, and November 4, 2024, to affected property owners requesting they indicate their consent or objection to the proposed street renaming. On February 3, 2025, the Addressing Section mailed Second Notice letters to affected property owners who failed to respond to prior notifications. On March 14, 2025, the Addressing Section mailed letters to affected property owners who returned the required forms blank or with missing information. Pursuant to Section 745.105(j)(10), *Ordinance Code*, fifteen affected property owners are deemed to have consented to the proposed street renaming due to their non-response to the written notification, along with two property owners consenting and four property owners objecting.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency services, roadway renaming

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Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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