

1 Introduced by Council President at the request of the DIA:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-584**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT
6 AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING (FORMERLY
7 KNOWN GENERALLY AS SAX SEAFOOD) AND RELATED
8 IMPROVEMENTS OWNED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED
9 GENERALLY AT 816 W. UNION STREET IN THE CITY
10 WITHIN THE COMBINED DOWNTOWN NORTHBANK COMMUNITY
11 REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT
12 OF THE PROJECT BY THE DIA AND DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2003-612-E,
16 the City transferred approximately 1.77 acres of City-owned property
17 located at 816 W. Union Street (R.E. Number 075181-0000) in the
18 LaVilla Neighborhood of Downtown (the "Property") to Jax Casual
19 Dining, LLC, for the construction of an approximately 6,089 square
20 foot jazz-themed restaurant colloquially referred to as "Sax
21 Seafood"; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in January 2008, the City re-acquired the Property,
23 including the partially constructed restaurant building constructed
24 thereon, through a foreclosure action; and

25 **WHEREAS**, since the Property was re-acquired by the City, the
26 Property has remained vacant; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the DIA approved Resolution 2026-07-03 (the
28 "Resolution") to authorize the demolition contemplated hereby, said
29 Resolution being attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

30 **WHEREAS**, it has been determined to be in the interest of the
31 City to approve of the matters set forth in this Ordinance; now,

1 therefore,

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

3 **Section 1. Demolition Project Authorized.** The City Council
4 hereby authorizes the Downtown Investment Authority to demolish the
5 building and related improvements located at 816 West Union Street,
6 Jacksonville, Florida (R.E. number 075181-0000), comprised of the
7 facility colloquially referred to as Sax Seafood.

8 **Section 2. Oversight Department.** The Downtown Investment
9 Authority and the Department of Public Works shall oversee the Project
10 described herein.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /S/ Rebecca Lavie

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Rebecca Lavie

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