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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2020-728

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: November 24, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: November 24, 2020

Type of Action: Designation of Local Landmark

Bill Summary: Pursuant to Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, this bill designates the Old Bisbee Building, located at 51 West Bay Street, in Council District 7, as a local landmark. The building met six of the requisite criteria and on October 28, 2020, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval. The property owner is in support and all public notice and public hearing requirements have been met.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is the historic preservation and protection of the Old Bisbee Building, which was constructed just after the Great Fire of 1901. The Bisbee family is known to have had an important impact on the growth of Jacksonville, especially post-fire, and the investment in the Old Bisbee Building in combination with the second Bisbee Building ensured the survival of post-fire Jacksonville. The building is: linked to an influential architect, and to one of the best builders in post-fire Jacksonville; one of the last remaining Beaux Arts style structures Downtown; and suitable for restoration and preservation.

Policy Impact Area: Local Landmark – Old Bisbee Building

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined cost for signage

Analyst: Hampsey