

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-319

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 25, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** LUZ

**Date of Analysis:** May 27, 2021

**Type of Action:** Designation of historic landmark

**Bill Summary:** The bill designates a commercial building at 323 East Bay Street as a local historic landmark. It directs that the Property Appraiser's Office be notified of the designation, that it be recorded in the public record, and that the Zoning Administrator record the designation in the Zoning Atlas.

**Background Information:** The building at 323 East Bay Street, between Market and Liberty Streets, was one of a group of commercial and warehouse buildings constructed on the eastern end of downtown following the Great Fire of 1901. The ordinance finds that the building meets 3 of the 7 criteria for which a structure may be designated as historic: 1) its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City, state, or nation (post-fire reconstruction era); 2) it has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials (demonstration of the "two-part commercial block" style) ; and 3) its suitability for preservation or restoration (the building is structurally sound and has had very few alterations affecting its original design, particularly on its exterior).

**Policy Impact Area:** Historic landmark designation

**Fiscal Impact:** None to the City

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