

1 Introduced by the Transportation, Utilities and Energy Committee:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-968**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
6 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
7 RENAMING "WICKER ROAD", LOCATED SOUTH OF
8 CASTLEBERRY ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, TO
9 "ALEXIS ROAD"; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF
10 SUBSECTION 745.105(C), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT THE
11 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SEND WRITTEN
12 NOTIFICATIONS TO AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS;
13 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION
14 745.105(E), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT THE HISTORIC
15 PRESERVATION COMMISSION REVIEW ALL STREET NAME
16 CHANGES; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE
17 SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS
18 ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE PLANNING AND
19 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSING UNIT, AND THE
20 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
21 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Department's Addressing
24 Division received information from a resident who advised they were
25 not receiving mail at the property located at 14274 Wicker Road; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City's addressing data indicates that the road
27 currently known as "Wicker Road" (previously named "Alexis Road") is
28 located south of Castleberry Road while the remaining "Alexis Road"
29 is located north of Castleberry Road; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, the City Council enacted Ordinance 79-914-427
31 which re-named 6th Street to Alexis Road (north and south); a copy of

1 Ordinance 79-914-427 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

2 **WHEREAS**, several years later, the City Council enacted Ordinance
3 85-162-79 which closed the northern portion of Alexis Road, north of
4 Castleberry Drive; a copy of Ordinance 85-162-79 is attached hereto
5 as **Exhibit 2**; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on May 5, 1998, the Chief of the City's Streets and
7 Drainage Division of the City's Public Works Department confirmed
8 that the street name change of "Alexis Road" to "Wicker Road" should
9 have been made solely to the northern portion of "Alexis Road"; a
10 copy of the Memorandum from Lynn A. Westbrook, P.E., Chief of Streets
11 and Drainage to Attached Addressees and a Map of the affected roadways
12 are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**; and

13 **WHEREAS**, instead, City of Jacksonville records incorrectly
14 reflect a street name change to the southern portion of "Alexis Road"
15 to "Wicker Road"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, "Wicker Road" does not exist in Google Maps; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Council seeks to correct this matter by renaming
18 "Wicker Road", located south of Castleberry Road, as "Alexis Road";
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Department, Community
21 Planning Division, issued a Staff Report with a recommendation for
22 approval to re-name "Wicker Road" located south of Castleberry Drive
23 back to the original name of "Alexis Road"; a copy of the Community
24 Planning Division Staff Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**; and

25 **WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2024, the 911 Emergency Addressing
26 Advisory Committee voted to accept the staff recommendation to re-
27 name "Wicker Road" located south of Castleberry Road back to "Alexis
28 Road"; a copy of the minutes of November 6, 2024, meeting of the 911
29 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee reflecting this action is
30 attached here as **Exhibit 5**; now therefore

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

1 **Section 1. Wicker Road Re-Named as "Alexis Road."** Wicker
2 Road located south of Castleberry Road is hereby re-named to "Alexis
3 Road" by which name such street and physical location shall be
4 hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of "Alexis Road"
5 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6.**

6 **Section 2. Waiver of Subsection 745.105(c), Ordinance Code.**

7 Section 745.105(c), *Ordinance Code*, which requires the Planning
8 and Development Department to send two written notifications to
9 affected property owners is hereby waived as there are three residents
10 currently assigned to Wicker Road. However, these three residents are
11 not receiving their mail due to the incorrect addressing data. On
12 November 1, 2024, the City's Addressing Staff mailed letters to the
13 affected residents which provided notice of the November 6, 2024, 911
14 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee's meeting but no one
15 objected, commented or attended the meeting (Copies of the letters
16 are attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**).

17 **Section 3. Waiver of Subsection 745.105(e), Ordinance Code.**

18 Section 745.105(e), *Ordinance Code*, requiring the Historic
19 Preservation Commission to review all applications for renaming of
20 City streets is hereby waived. The next meeting of the Historic
21 Preservation Commission will occur on December 11, 2024, after final
22 City Council approval of this Ordinance which would cause additional
23 delays for the residents on Wicker Road who are not receiving their
24 mail.

25 **Section 4. Direction to Chief of Legislative Services.** The

26 Chief of Legislative Services is hereby directed to send a copy of
27 this legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development
28 Department, Addressing Unit, and the Public Works Department for
29 processing, implementation, and coordination with 911 Emergency, Fire
30 and Rescue Department, the U.S. Postal Service, Google and other
31 affected agencies and organizations.

1 **Section 5. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
2 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
3 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that
4 residents are not receiving their mail due to the incorrect addressing
5 data.

6 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/Cherry Shaw Pollock

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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