

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Ferraro:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-518**

6 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM OF TWO
7 YEARS ON THE RENAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS, PUBLIC
8 BUILDINGS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND PUBLIC
9 STREETS; PROVIDING THAT THE MORATORIUM REMAIN
10 IN EFFECT FROM ENACTMENT UNTIL AUGUST 11, 2022
11 OR UNTIL A UNIFORM PROCEDURE OR POLICY FOR
12 RENAMING IS IMPLEMENTED BY COUNCIL;
13 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
14 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, the naming or renaming of public buildings, parks,
17 streets, and recreational facilities is complex and sometimes
18 emotionally evocative since assigning a name is a powerful and
19 permanent identity for a public park, street, facility or other
20 public place; and

21 **WHEREAS**, while the City has a procedure outlined in Chapter
22 745, Ordinance Code, to rename public streets under certain
23 conditions, the City does not have a current policy or procedure
24 for renaming public buildings, parks or recreational facilities;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, in recent months there has been increased interest by
27 the public at large in the historical and institutional motivations
28 for the names of certain public parks and buildings; and

29 **WHEREAS**, correspondingly, there has been a concerted movement
30 to rename public parks and facilities; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City should strive to establish a coordinated and

1 consistent approach to the naming and renaming of parks, public
2 street, public buildings and recreational facilities and therefore
3 the Council desires to place a moratorium on the renaming of public
4 parks, streets, buildings and recreation facilities until the
5 Council has created concerted policy or procedure; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1. Findings and Statement of Intent.**

8 (a) The above recitals are hereby adopted as the Council's
9 Findings of Fact; and

10 (b) The Council will be undertaking a review of the City's
11 current laws governing the renaming of streets, buildings and parks
12 and recreational facilities pursuant to Chapters 122 and 745,
13 *Ordinance Code*, and any other applicable Code provisions.

14 **Section 2. Moratorium Imposed.** The Council hereby imposes
15 up to a two-year moratorium on the renaming of public buildings,
16 parks, recreational facilities, and public streets. This moratorium
17 shall apply to all applications for street renaming or for requests
18 made to rename public parks, public buildings or recreational
19 facilities submitted after August 11, 2020. The Council also agrees
20 to refrain from filing legislation requesting the renaming of
21 public buildings, parks, recreational facilities, and public
22 streets during the period of the moratorium.

23 **Section 3. Duration of Moratorium.** This moratorium shall
24 remain in effect from enactment until August 11, 2022 unless the
25 Council adopts a policy or procedure to address the renaming of
26 public buildings, parks, recreational facilities, and public
27 streets prior to this time in which case the moratorium will cease.

28 **Section 4. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
29 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
30 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
31 emergency is that the City does not have policies in place for

1 public buildings, parks, and recreational facilities but has
2 received requests to make name changes to several parks. The
3 Council desires to place a hold on making decisions for any
4 renaming application filed or requested after the Council meeting
5 on August 11, 2020 so that a consistent and coordinated approach to
6 renaming requests can be made by the City.

7 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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