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ORDINANCE 2020-52-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) ORDINANCE CODE; TO OFFICIALLY DECLARE THAT UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 EXTENDING FROM ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO THE ST. JOHNS RIVER SHOULD INCLUDE A "NORTH" DESIGNATION IN THE STREET NAME DEPICTED AS "UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD N."; PROVIDING A COMPLIANCE TIME PERIOD TO REOUIRE THAT ALL CITIZENS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND GOVERNMENTAL BUSINESS OWNERS ENTITIES UTILIZE THE CORRECT DESIGNATION OF "UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD" WITH A "NORTH" DESIGNATION AS "UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD N." ON ANY AND ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, RESIDENCE ADDRESSES, STREET SIGNS, HIGHWAY MARKERS AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, "University Boulevard" extending from Atlantic Boulevard to the St. Johns River has for many years been officially recognized by the City of Jacksonville for purposes of street naming and addressing data. A map of University Boulevard is attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

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WHEREAS, as time passed, a number of significant governmental agencies, churches, universities, businesses and residents started identifying unofficially "University Boulevard" with a "North" designation as "University Boulevard N"; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the United States Postal Service ("USPS") now officially recognizes the name of "University Boulevard N," and additional information from the USPS indicates that the "N" designation is required for proper and correct mail delivery in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Duval County Property Appraiser's parcel data identifies 189 of 250 properties having a University Boulevard address that includes the "N" designation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department received numerous Certificate of Use ("COU") applications from 71 of 76 businesses containing an "N" designation on the COU applications; and

WHEREAS, a number of City of Jacksonville CARE issues are
reported using the "N" designation; and

WHEREAS, mapping applications such as Google Maps and Map Quest recognize the "N" designation for University Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, a review of several websites for Jacksonville University, Blue Cypress Park, University Park Branch Library, Arlington Elementary School, Pace Center Girls, Inc., Arlington United Methodist Church, and many more churches and apartment complexes include the "N" designation in their official address; and

WHEREAS, 20% of City of Jacksonville street signs include the "N" designation; and

WHEREAS, the discrepancy between "University Boulevard" and "University Boulevard N" has created confusion for various departments and agencies, and further causing addressing data

systems to perform incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to officially recognize and declare that "University Boulevard" extending from Atlantic Boulevard to the St. Johns River should include a "North" designation as "University Boulevard N"; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee voted to adopt the Staff Report with a recommendation for approval to officially recognize and declare that "University Boulevard" extending from Atlantic Boulevard to the St. Johns River should include a "North" designation as "University Boulevard N." A copy of the 911 Committee Staff Report, and the excerpt minutes of the December 4, 2019, public meeting of the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee are attached hereto as Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2019, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission considered the naming scheme for University Boulevard, and voted to approve the recommendation that University Boulevard be officially recognized as "University Boulevard N." A copy of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report is attached hereto as Exhibit 3; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it appropriate to officially recognize and declare that "University Boulevard" extending from Atlantic Boulevard to the St. Johns River should include a "North" designation as "University Boulevard N"; and

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

Section 1. Portion of "University Boulevard" officially recognized and declared as "University Boulevard N." The official recognition and declaration of the name of "University Boulevard", extending from Atlantic Boulevard to the St. Johns River, is hereby recognized as "University Boulevard N" which name of such street shall be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of

"University Boulevard N" is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

Section 2. Compliance Time Period to Occur on or before December 31, 2022. All citizens, property owners, business owners and governmental entities shall utilize "University Boulevard N" on any and all official documents, residence addresses, street signs, highway markers, and electronic communication on or before December 31, 2022.

Section 3. Legislative Services Division directed forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department and the Public Works Department. The Chief of Legislative Services is directed to send a copy of this legislation once enacted to the Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit, and the for processing, implementation, Public Works Department coordination with 911 Emergency, Fire and Rescue Department, the U.S. Postal Service, and other affected agencies and organizations.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

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