Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

ORDINANCE 2021-247

AN ORDINANCE NAMING A NEW PARK TO BE DONATED BY ALLWEATHER TIRE COMPANY TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 122.412, ORDINANCE CODE, COMPRISED OF FIVE CONTIGUOUS VACANT PARCELS TOTALING 2.16 ACRES AND LOCATED ON HECKSCHER DRIVE ADJACENT TO BROWNS CREEK IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2, TO BE KNOWN AS "THEBAUT SISTERS LANDING"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Allweather Tire Company ("Allweather") currently owns five contiguous vacant parcels of property totaling 2.16 acres, located on Heckscher Drive adjacent to Browns Creek in Council District 2 (collectively, the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, two of the parcels to be donated are significantly submerged under water and all five parcels are classified by the Property Appraisers Office as Waste Land; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, citizens have informally used the Properties for fishing and to launch kayaks into Browns Creek and the St. Johns River; and

WHEREAS, Allweather desires to donate the Properties to the City of Jacksonville for use as a public park, contingent upon the park being named "Thebaut Sisters Landing"; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is prepared to accept responsibility for management of the Properties as a public park and intends to formalize the current recreational uses of the Properties with some modest enhancements to the site; and

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Division has completed the appropriate

due diligence for this donation, including conducting a review of the respective title commitments and Phase 1 Environmental Assessments for each of the five parcels and other relevant information regarding the Properties, and has confirmed the Real Estate Division is authorized to accept this donation on behalf of the City pursuant to Section 122.412, Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, before the Real Estate Division can accept the aforementioned donation on the City's behalf, the condition of naming the park to be located on the Properties must be met; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 122.105, Ordinance Code, for naming of the park to be established on the Properties have been met; the public hearings have been held and the Planning and Development Department has submitted its report to the Council; now, therefore

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

Section 1. The park to be located on five contiguous vacant parcels of property donated to the City of Jacksonville by the Allweather Tire Company for use as a public park, totaling 2.16 acres and located on Heckscher Drive adjacent to Browns Creek in Council District 2, is hereby named "Thebaut Sisters Landing" in accordance with Allweather's condition on the donation of the Properties to the City of Jacksonville.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

## /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved

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