

Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Peluso:

**ORDINANCE 2025-782**

AN ORDINANCE HONORING THE LEGACY AND BRAVE SERVICE OF FIREFIGHTER HENRY BRADLEY TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; NAMING THE CITY-OWNED BUILDING LOCATED AT 12 CATHERINE STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, PURSUANT TO SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARKS NAMING AND RENAMING PROCEDURES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "HENRY BRADLEY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM"; WAIVING THE TIMELINE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 122.105 (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PARK NAMING AND RENAMING PROCEDURES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, PERTAINING TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING DIVISION OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR NAMING OF A CITY-OWNED BUILDING; RENAMING A ROADWAY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS "CATHERINE STREET" TO "HENRY BRADLEY PLACE" IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 745.105 (PUBLIC STREET NAME CHANGES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, ; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISIONS, FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND COORDINATION WITH 911

1 EMERGENCY, THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE  
2 DEPARTMENT, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, AND OTHER  
3 AFFECTED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS PERTAINING  
4 TO THE ROAD RENAMING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
5 DATE.

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7 **WHEREAS**, Henry Bradley worked as a volunteer firefighter in the  
8 1800s until December 16, 1885, when he perished while battling a  
9 fierce fire during which a wall collapsed on him; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the blazing fire quickly spread to Bay Street in  
11 downtown Jacksonville; and

12 **WHEREAS**, consequently, Henry Bradley was the first firefighter  
13 in the City of Jacksonville to perish in the line of duty; and

14 **WHEREAS**, despite his sacrifice, Mr. Bradley was initially buried  
15 in the segregated black section of the City's cemetery in an unmarked  
16 grave; and

17 **WHEREAS**, more than a century later in 2023, a headstone bearing  
18 Henry Bradley's name, was placed at the Old City Cemetery; and

19 **WHEREAS**, as a result of Mr. Bradley's demise in the line of  
20 duty, the City government created a Jacksonville Fire Department  
21 staffed and operated by professionally paid firefighters; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Henry Bradley's memory was honored with a plaque at the  
23 Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Fire Station No. 1 on Liberty Street;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to honor Henry Bradley's  
26 significant sacrifice for, and contributions to, the City of  
27 Jacksonville by naming the City-owned building located at 12 Catherine  
28 Street, Jacksonville, Florida, in Council District 7, the historic  
29 Catherine Street Fire Station (Station 3) which now houses a  
30 Firefighters Museum, as the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum"; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 122.105, *Ordinance Code*, to

1 name the City-owned Firefighters Museum building have been met, the  
2 public hearings have been held, and the Planning and Development  
3 Department and Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission ("JHPC")  
4 have submitted a report and advisory recommendation to the City  
5 Council, respectively; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Section of the Community  
7 Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department provided  
8 its report in accordance with Section 122.105(b), *Ordinance Code*, and  
9 the JHPC reviewed this report at its meeting on August 27, 2025, in  
10 accordance with Section 122.105(c), *Ordinance Code*, and both  
11 recommend approval of the proposed naming as reflected in the Report  
12 of the Historic Preservation Section and Advisory Recommendation of  
13 the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and the excerpt  
14 from the transcript of the August 27, 2025, JHPC meeting attached  
15 hereto collectively as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this  
16 reference; and

17       **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the naming of the aforementioned  
18 City-owned building to the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum" as  
19 described above, the Council also desires to honor Mr. Bradley by  
20 renaming the street on which the building is located to "Henry Bradley  
21 Place"; and

22       **WHEREAS**, in keeping with this request, the Public Works  
23 Department, Development Services Division, issued a staff  
24 recommendation to approve the renaming of "Catherine Street" to "Henry  
25 Bradley Place" and a copy of said recommendation is attached hereto  
26 as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

27       **WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2025, the 911 Emergency Addressing  
28 Advisory Committee considered the request during a public meeting and  
29 voted to accept the staff recommendation to rename "Catherine Street"  
30 to "Henry Bradley Place" and a copy of the Summary of Meeting Minutes  
31 of said meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated

herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Historic Preservation Section of the Community Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department issued a Memorandum with a recommendation to approve the renaming of "Catherine Street" to "Henry Bradley Place" and a copy of said staff recommendation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2025, the JHPC held a public meeting where it considered this matter and voted to accept the recommendation to rename "Catherine Street" to "Henry Bradley Place" and a copy of an excerpt of the minutes of said meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, upon this legislation becoming effective, the City will install a new street sign at the affected roadway segment to reflect "Henry Bradley Place" as the designated street name; now therefore

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

**Section 1. Naming of City-Owned Building in Council District 7 to Honor Henry Bradley Approved.** The City-owned building located at 12 Catherine Street, Jacksonville, Florida, in District 7, is hereby named the "Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum" to honor the legacy and recognize the contributions of Henry Bradley to the City of Jacksonville.

**Section 2. Waiver of Timeline Established in Section 122.105, Ordinance Code.** The timeline established in Section 122.105 (Public buildings, public facilities and public parks naming and renaming procedures), Part 1 (Municipal Buildings and Offices), Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, pursuant to which the Historic Preservation Section of the Community Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department shall issue a report and the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission shall issue an advisory recommendation to the City Council pertaining to the naming of a

1 public building is hereby waived. The requirements of Section  
2 122.105, *Ordinance Code*, with respect to delivery of a report and  
3 recommendation to the City Council pertaining to the naming of a  
4 City-owned building have been met. However, the Planning and  
5 Development Department completed its report and the JHPC rendered its  
6 advisory opinion prior to introduction of this legislation thus  
7 necessitating the need for this waiver.

8 **Section 3. Catherine Street renamed as "Henry Bradley**  
9 **Place".** The portion of "Catherine Street" located south of Bay Street  
10 on which the Firefighters Museum is located is hereby renamed "Henry  
11 Bradley Place" by which name such street and physical location shall  
12 be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of Henry Bradley  
13 Place is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** and incorporated herein by this  
14 reference.

15 **Section 4. Direction to Chief of the Legislative Services**  
16 **Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby  
17 directed to send a copy of this Ordinance, once enacted, to the Public  
18 Works Department, Development Services and Traffic Engineering  
19 Divisions, for processing, implementation, and coordination with 911  
20 Emergency, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the U.S.  
21 Postal Service, and other affected agencies and organizations  
22 pertaining to the road renaming approved herein.

23 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Cherry S. Pollock

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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