

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the
2 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-140**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC
7 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; DESIGNATING THE
8 GARDEN CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE, LOCATED AT 1005
9 RIVERSIDE AVENUE, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 14, AS A
10 LOCAL LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION LM-19-
11 03; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
12 TO NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND
13 THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK
14 DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK
15 DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL
16 COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO
17 ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE
18 ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Council enacted Chapter 307 (Historic
21 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, and determined therein that the
22 preservation, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of
23 landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts is a public
24 necessity because they have special historic, archaeological,
25 aesthetic or cultural interest and value; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the proposed local landmark, pursuant to Application
27 LM-19-03, **On File** with the Legislative Services Division, is the
28 Garden Club of Jacksonville, located at 1005 Riverside Avenue, in
29 Council District 14; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Application LM-19-03 was filed by the owner of the
31 Garden Club of Jacksonville, and the owner supports the proposed

1 local landmark designation; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Garden Club of Jacksonville was formed in 1922
3 and since has an unmatched record of community service regarding
4 beautification, park improvement, environmental preservation,
5 planning, as well as floral and horticulture education and
6 promotion in the City of Jacksonville for nearly one hundred years;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Garden Club of Jacksonville has been most active
9 and successful in the area of education and promotion of gardening
10 and horticulture among Jacksonville's diverse population, receiving
11 national recognition for programs and activities among
12 Jacksonville's youth, particularly those with special needs who
13 participate in "garden therapy"; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1949, the Garden Club of Jacksonville had 2300
15 members and at the time was recognized as the largest garden club
16 in the world; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Garden Club of Jacksonville complex consists of
18 two buildings, the Garden Club Room, constructed in 1947 and
19 designed by notable Jacksonville architect Russell Seymour, and the
20 Auditorium Building, constructed in 1958 and designed by the
21 prominent Jacksonville architectural firm Saxelbye & Powell; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Garden Club Room and the Auditorium Building have
23 all of their original windows, doors, and columns, as well as, wall
24 and roof treatments, reflecting the original character and
25 defining features of the buildings; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Garden Club of Jacksonville is suitable for
27 preservation as an important cultural landmark; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the Garden Club of
29 Jacksonville meets five (5) of the seven (7) criteria required for
30 local landmark designation, as more particularly described in the
31 Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department (Staff

1 Report), **On File** with the Legislative Services Division; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2020, the Jacksonville Historic
3 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the
4 proposed local landmark designation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic
6 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has reviewed the
7 proposed local landmark designation, taking into consideration its
8 importance and historical value, as more fully set forth in
9 Application LM-19-03 and the Staff Report; and

10 **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements
11 have been met for designating the Garden Club of Jacksonville as a
12 local landmark; and

13 **WHEREAS**, having met the requisite criteria, the Council finds
14 that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of
15 Jacksonville to designate the Garden Club of Jacksonville as a
16 local landmark, in furtherance of historic preservation and
17 protection; now, therefore

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

19 **Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to
20 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council
21 hereby designates the Garden Club of Jacksonville, located at 1005
22 Riverside Avenue, in Council District 14, as a local landmark.

23 **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The
24 Council hereby finds that the Garden Club of Jacksonville meets
25 five (5) of the seven (7) criteria for designation as a local
26 landmark, pursuant to Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*, and
27 adopts Application LM-19-03 and the Staff Report in support of this
28 finding, both **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

29 **Section 3. Notice and Recording.** Pursuant to Section
30 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the Chief of
31 Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary, to

1 notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property
2 Appraiser of the local landmark designation, and to record the
3 local landmark designation in the official records of Duval County,
4 Florida.

5 **Section 4. Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant to Section 307.104(n),
6 *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the Zoning
7 Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and
8 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on
9 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance*
10 *Code*.

11 **Section 5. Effective Date.** The enactment of this
12 ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of
13 the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the
14 Council President and Council Secretary.

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Kealey A. West

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Kealey West

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