

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Historic Preservation Commission:  
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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-686**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC  
7 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; DESIGNATING THE  
8 CHURCH BUILDING, OWNED BY ST. NICHOLAS BETHEL  
9 BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 2606 SAN DIEGO ROAD,  
10 R.E. NO. 125361-0030, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5,  
11 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK;  
12 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO  
13 NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND THE  
14 PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
15 DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
16 DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL  
17 COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO  
18 ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE ZONING  
19 ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council (the "Council") enacted  
22 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, to facilitate  
23 the designation of landmarks and landmark sites, where appropriate;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the structure to be designated by this ordinance is the  
26 church building, owned by St. Nicholas Bethel Baptist Church, located  
27 at 2606 San Diego Road, R.E. No. 125361-0030, in Council District 5  
28 (hereinafter the "Subject Property"); and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property, constructed in 1952, is located  
30 within a larger area of historic African American communities in St.  
31 Nicholas and the area formerly known as "South Jacksonville," and

1 serves as an important reminder of the cultural and historical  
2 heritage of the city and the historic black communities within which  
3 it lies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property was designed and built by pioneer  
5 black builder and architect James Edward Hutchins, one of few local  
6 African American contractors that also designed their buildings.  
7 Hutchins was recognized as a leader in his community, mentoring and  
8 training aspiring black builders, architects and draftsmen. Following  
9 World War II, Hutchins worked with the United States Veterans  
10 Administration to help black servicemen returning to civilian life  
11 by training them as carpenters, masons and draftsmen. His protégés  
12 went on to play a significant role in the development of post-war  
13 Jacksonville; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the design of the Subject Property represents an  
15 example of a vernacular adaptation of the Late Gothic Revival Style,  
16 usually associated with the high style design of major religious or  
17 educational institutions.

18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic  
19 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has considered the issue  
20 of designating the Subject Property as a landmark, taking into  
21 consideration its importance and historical value, as more fully set  
22 forth in the Designation Application, LM-22-07, and Staff Report of  
23 the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development  
24 Department, a copy of which is **On File** with the Office of Legislative  
25 Services and incorporated herein by reference (the "Application and  
26 Staff Report"); and

27 **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements have  
28 been met for designating the Subject Property as a local landmark;  
29 and

30 **WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2022, the Jacksonville Historic  
31 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the

1 landmark designation; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the property owner is in support of the landmark  
3 designation; and

4       **WHEREAS**, having met the requisite criteria, the Council finds  
5 that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of  
6 Jacksonville to designate the Subject Property as a local landmark,  
7 in furtherance of historic preservation and protection; now,  
8 therefore

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

10       **Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to  
11 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council  
12 hereby designates the St. Nicholas Bethel Baptist Church building,  
13 located at 2606 San Diego Road, R.E. No. 125361-0030, in Council  
14 District 5, as a local landmark.

15       **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The Council  
16 hereby finds that the Subject Property meets three (3) of the  
17 requisite criteria set forth in Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*,  
18 as more fully set forth in the Application and Staff Report.

19       **Section 3. Notice of Landmark Designation.** Pursuant to  
20 Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the  
21 Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary,  
22 to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property  
23 Appraiser of the designation of the Subject Property as a local  
24 landmark.

25       **Section 4. Recording of Landmark Designation.** The Council  
26 hereby directs the Chief of Legislative Services to record this  
27 Ordinance in the official records for Duval County, Florida.

28       **Section 5. Landmark Designation on Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant  
29 to Section 307.104(n), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the  
30 Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and  
31 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on

1 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance Code*.

2       **Section 6.       Effective Date.** The enactment of this Ordinance  
3 shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the Council  
4 and therefore shall become effective upon signature by the Council  
5 President and Council Secretary.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Carla Lopera

10 Office of General Counsel

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