

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville
2 Historic Preservation Commission:
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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-499**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC
7 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; DESIGNATING THE
8 COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7
9 AT 525 WEST BEAVER STREET, BETWEEN NORTH BROAD
10 STREET AND CLAY STREET (REAL ESTATE NUMBERS
11 074637-0000, 074638-0000 AND 074645-0000), OWNED
12 BY 525 BEAVER, LLC, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK; DIRECTING
13 THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO NOTIFY THE
14 APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND THE PROPERTY
15 APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION, AND
16 TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE
17 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY; DIRECTING THE
18 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK
19 DESIGNATION ON THE ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN
20 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council (the "Council") enacted
23 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, to facilitate
24 the designation of landmarks and landmark sites, where appropriate;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, the structure to be designated by this Ordinance is the
27 commercial building located in Council District 7 at 525 West Beaver
28 Street, between North Broad Street and Clay Street (the "Subject
29 Property") constructed in 1915, Real Estate Numbers 074637-0000,
30 074638-0000 and 074645-0000, in Council District 7; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The Hillman-Pratt Funeral Home was founded by Lawton

1 L. Pratt, and recognized as the second licensed African American
2 funeral director in Florida, who contracted with well-known builder
3 Joseph H. Blodgett, to design and construct the building then located
4 at 527 West Beaver Street and was named the Lawton Pratt Funeral
5 Home; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Hillman-Pratt Funeral Home is locally significant
7 as an African American owned and operated mortuary from its
8 construction in 1915 through 2019 when the building was sold for
9 redevelopment both in the area of Commerce and African American Ethnic
10 Heritage; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the design of the two-story structure has elements of
12 Gothic Revival style and Richardson Romanesque style which were
13 vernacular architectural elements that were predominantly used by
14 African American master builders and architects at the turn-of-the
15 twentieth century; and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic
17 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has considered the issue
18 of designating the Subject Property as a landmark, taking into
19 consideration its importance and historical value, as more fully set
20 forth in the Designation Application, LM-22-05, and Staff Report of
21 the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development
22 Department, a copy of which is **On File** with the Office of Legislative
23 Services and incorporated herein by reference (the "Application and
24 Staff Report"); and

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

28 **WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2022, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation
29 Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the landmark
30 designation; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the property owner is in support of the landmark

1 designation; and

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

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

8 **Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to
9 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council
10 hereby designates the Subject Property, located in Council District
11 7 at 525 West Beaver Street, between North Broad Street and Clay
12 Street (Real Estate Numbers 074637-0000, 074638-0000 and 074645-
13 0000), as a local landmark.

14 **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The Council
15 hereby finds that the Subject Property meets four (4) of the requisite
16 criteria set forth in Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*, as more
17 fully set forth in the Application and Staff Report. The 4 criteria
18 are:

19 1. Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural,
20 historical, architectural or archeological heritage of the City,
21 state or nation.

22 2. It is identified with a person or persons who significantly
23 contributed to the development of the city, state or nation.

24 3. It is identified as the work of a master builder, designer
25 or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of
26 the city, state or nation.

27 4. Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

28 **Section 3. Notice of Landmark Designation.** Pursuant to
29 Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the
30 Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary,
31 to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property

