

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville
2 Historic Preservation Commission:
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5 **ORDINANCE 2023-375**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC
7 PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
8 DESIGNATING THE CHURCH BUILDING LOCATED IN
9 COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 AT 841 FRANKLIN STREET,
10 BETWEEN ODESSA STREET AND PIPPIN STREET (R.E.
11 NO. 122578-0000), OWNED BY MOUNT OLIVE A.M.E.
12 CHURCH TRUSTEES, 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 and Protection), *Ordinance Code*,
24 to facilitate the designation of landmarks and landmark sites, where
25 appropriate; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the structure to be designated by this Ordinance is
27 the church building located in Council District 7 at 841 Franklin
28 Street, between Odessa Street and Pippin Street (R.E. No. 122578-
29 0000), owned by Mount Olive A.M.E. Church Trustees (the "Subject
30 Property"); and

31 **WHEREAS**, the origin of Mount Olive A.M.E. Church dates to the

1 Spring of 1868 when Pastor Henry Floyd started a house of prayer in
2 his residence at Old Hardee's Mill Quarters along the St. Johns River;
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4 **WHEREAS**, in 1887, Mount Olive A.M.E. Church moved to the current
5 location and a new wood-frame building was constructed to support its
6 rapidly growing membership; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1921 the church received a building permit to
8 remove the wood frame structure to accommodate the foundation and
9 basement of a new masonry sanctuary; as a result of a major
10 fundraising drive, in 1927 the church was able to construct the walls
11 and the roof of the auditorium in and finish the interior; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property was designed and built by Richard
13 Lewis Brown, recognized as the first black architect in Jacksonville,
14 and represents the finest example of monumental Neoclassical Revival
15 style of construction; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the design of the Subject Property reflects an
17 eclectic variation of the Neoclassical Revival style; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mount Olive A.M.E. Church has played a significant
19 role in the Oakland community in East Jacksonville for over 150 years,
20 making it one of the oldest A.M.E. churches in the City; and

21 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic
22 Preservation and Protection), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has
23 considered the issue of designating the Subject Property as a
24 landmark, taking into consideration its importance and historical
25 value, as more fully set forth in the Designation Application, LM-
26 23-01, and Staff Report of the Historic Preservation Section of the
27 Planning and Development Department, a copy of which is **On File** with
28 the Legislative Services Division and incorporated by reference
29 herein (the "Application and Staff Report"); and

30 **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements
31 have been met for designating the Subject Property as a local

1 landmark; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2023, the Jacksonville Historic
3 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the
4 landmark designation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the property owner is in support of the landmark
6 designation; and

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

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

13 **Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to
14 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation and Protection), *Ordinance Code*,
15 the Council hereby designates the Subject Property, located in Council
16 District 7 at 841 Franklin Street, between Odessa Street and Pippin
17 Street (R.E. No. 122578-0000), as a local landmark.

18 **Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The Council
19 hereby finds that the Subject Property meets six of the requisite
20 criteria set forth in Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*, as more
21 fully set forth in the Application and Staff Report. The six criteria
22 are as follows:

23 1. Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural,
24 historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City,
25 state or nation.

26 2. It is identified with a person or persons who significantly
27 contributed to the development of the City, state or nation.

28 3. It is identified as the work of a master builder, designer,
29 or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of
30 the City, state or nation.

31 4. Its value as a building is recognized for the quality of

1 its architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its
2 architectural significance.

3 5. It has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural
4 style valuable for the study of a period, method of construction, or
5 use of indigenous materials.

6 6. Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

7 **Section 3. Notice of Landmark Designation.** Pursuant to
8 Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the
9 Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary,
10 to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property
11 Appraiser of the designation of the landmark.

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

15 **Section 5. Landmark Designation on Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant
16 to Section 307.104(n), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the
17 Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and
18 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on
19 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance Code*.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Carla A. Lopera

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