CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-374

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: June 13, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: June 15, 2023

Type of Action: Designation of historic landmark; direction to Chief of Legislative Services, Property Appraiser and Zoning Administrator

Bill Summary: The bill would designate 1217 East Walnut Street as a local historic landmark. As a contributing property within the Downtown Jacksonville National Historic District, the site fulfills three of the requisite criteria for landmark designation. The Chief of Legislative Services will be instructed to inform the applicant, the property owner, and the Property Appraiser about the landmark designation, and to register the ordinance in the county's official records. The Zoning Administrator will be directed to include the local landmark designation in the Zoning Atlas.

Background Information: The building's design is a variation of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, marked by the distinctive principal subtype of the gambrel roof. This mimics the architectural traditions of structures that originated in the New World colonies. The Planning and Development Department's review of the application concludes that the building qualifies for historical designation. It meets three of the relevant criteria: it serves as a significant reminder of the city's cultural, historical, architectural, and archaeological heritage; it exhibits distinguishing characteristics of a Dutch Colonial Revival style, valuable for the study of a certain period, construction method, or usage of indigenous materials; and it is well-suited for preservation or restoration. The property is owned by the Artemis Management Company.

Policy Impact Area: Historic landmark designation

Fiscal Impact: None to the City

Analyst: Armstrong