

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-555

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: July 25, 2024

Type of Action: Re-naming a public building

Bill Summary: This bill names the City-owned building located at 515 Julia Street in Council District 7 as the “Gary F. Keys, Sr. Fire Rescue Headquarters.”

Background Information: This building currently serves as the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (“JFRD”) headquarters. Gary. F. Keys, Sr. served as the Chief of JFRD for 29 years, beginning in 1960, and was an original member of the Rescue Division that was established in 1968. Chief Keys served in a number of integral positions within JFRD and the City, including Chief of Operations, Chief of Fire Services, and Deputy Director of Public Safety. He was promoted to Fire Chief in 1988, and his legacy with JFRD and the City is still felt today, as his work developing tactics, procedures and policies remains impactful within JFRD. He also served three terms as President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 122 union and became its business agent after his retirement from JFRD. Chief Keys passed away in 2014, and the City wishes to recognize him and his legacy by naming this building after him.

Policy Impact Area: Fire & Rescue, public buildings

Fiscal Impact: Minimal for signage

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