

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Historic Preservation Commission:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-880**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC  
7 PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION), *ORDINANCE CODE*;  
8 DESIGNATING THE INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING LOCATED  
9 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 AT 1221 EAST 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
10 BETWEEN FRANKLIN STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING  
11 JUNIOR PARKWAY (R.E. NO. 113567-0010), OWNED BY  
12 JACK SUN VILLAS, LLC, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK;  
13 STATEMENT OF LANDMARK CRITERIA SATISFIED;  
14 IDENTIFYING THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRE THE  
15 ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS;  
16 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO  
17 NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND  
18 THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
19 DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
20 DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL  
21 COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO  
22 ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE  
23 ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council (the "Council") enacted  
26 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation and Protection), *Ordinance Code*,  
27 to facilitate the designation of landmarks and landmark sites, where  
28 appropriate; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the structure to be designated by this Ordinance is  
30 the institutional building located in Council District 7 at 1221 East  
31 16<sup>th</sup> Street (a.k.a. 1220 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, which is the address used

1 on the National Register of Historic Places, but no longer used by  
2 U.S.P.S., the Duval County Property Appraiser, or elsewhere), between  
3 Franklin Street and Martin Luther King Junior Parkway (R.E. No.  
4 113567-0010), owned by Jack Sun Villas, LLC (the "Subject Property");  
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property contains a two-story  
7 institutional building that was originally called the Graded  
8 Springfield School #8, and later named J. Allen Axson Elementary  
9 School; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property represents the earliest  
11 documented project in the long career of noted Jacksonville architect  
12 Roy A. Benjamin and it also reflects the continued change in school  
13 design that started in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and emphasized fresh air,  
14 light, space and sanitation; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property was built in three parts: with  
16 the original building constructed in 1910 from a design by Roy A.  
17 Benjamin, with an addition of eight classrooms added in 1915 that was  
18 also designed by Roy A. Benjamin, and an expansion added in 1926  
19 using designs by Roy Benjamin; and

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

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

1           **WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2024, the Jacksonville Historic  
2 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the  
3 landmark designation; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the property owner does not oppose the landmark  
5 designation; and

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

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

11           **Section 1.           Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to  
12 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation and Protection), *Ordinance Code*,  
13 the Council hereby designates the Subject Property, located in Council  
14 District 7 at 1221 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, between Franklin Street and  
15 Martin Luther King Junior Parkway (R.E. No. 113567-0010), as a local  
16 landmark.

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

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

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

28           3. Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

29           **Section 3.           Certificate of Appropriateness Required.** A  
30 Certificate of Appropriateness shall be required prior to commencing  
31 any exterior alteration, new construction, demolition, relocation,

1 mothballing or any other action regulated by Chapter 307 (Historic  
2 Preservation and Protection), *Ordinance Code*, that would affect this  
3 landmark or landmark site.

4       **Section 4. Notice of Landmark Designation.** Pursuant to  
5 Section 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the  
6 Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary,  
7 to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property  
8 Appraiser of the designation of the landmark.

9       **Section 5. Recording of Landmark Designation.** The Council  
10 hereby directs the Chief of Legislative Services to record this  
11 Ordinance in the official records for Duval County, Florida.

12       **Section 6. Landmark Designation on Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant  
13 to Section 307.104(n), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the  
14 Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and  
15 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on  
16 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance Code*.

17       **Section 7. Effective Date.** The enactment of this Ordinance  
18 shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the Council  
19 and therefore shall become effective upon signature by the Council  
20 President and Council Secretary.

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22 Form Approved:

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24           /s/ Carla A. Lopera          

25 Office of General Counsel

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