

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the  
2 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and Co-Sponsored by  
3 Council Members Morgan, Gaffney, Ferraro and Boylan:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-579**

7 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC  
8 PRESERVATION), *ORDINANCE CODE*; DESIGNATING THE  
9 PEARSON RESIDENCE, LOCATED AT 1478 MCCONIH  
10 STREET, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, AS A LOCAL  
11 LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION LM-20-02;  
12 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO  
13 NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND  
14 THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
15 DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK  
16 DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL  
17 COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO  
18 ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE  
19 ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Council enacted Chapter 307 (Historic  
22 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, and determined therein that the  
23 preservation, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of  
24 landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts is a public  
25 necessity because they have special historic, archaeological,  
26 aesthetic or cultural interest and value; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the proposed local landmark, pursuant to Application  
28 LM-20-02, **On File** with the Legislative Services Division, is the  
29 Pearson Residence, located at 1478 McConihe Street, in Council  
30 District 8; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Application LM-20-02 was filed by Roderick Pearson,

1 and the owner supports the proposed local landmark designation; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the Pearson Residence is a significant reminder of  
3 the cultural and historical heritage of the City and is identified  
4 with persons who significantly contributed to the development of  
5 the City; and

6       **WHEREAS**, constructed in 1914, the residence is located in the  
7 Durkeeville Community and serves as a significant reminder of the  
8 cultural and historical heritage of the City for its direct  
9 association with two key Civil Rights activist who contributed to  
10 the end of segregation and inequalities in Jacksonville; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the residence was continuously owned and occupied by  
12 the Pearson family from the early 1920s to the present and Rutledge  
13 Henry Pearson and Lloyd Nash Pearson, Jr., sons of Lloyd Nash  
14 Pearson, Sr. and Ruth Pearson were raised in the residence at 1478  
15 McConihe Street and as adults lived there at different times; and

16       **WHEREAS**, Rutledge Henry Pearson, a teacher by profession and  
17 well known for his leadership of the NAACP Youth Council during  
18 their attempts to integrate the downtown lunch counters, is one of  
19 the names most associated with the Civil Rights movement in  
20 Jacksonville; and

21       **WHEREAS**, Lloyd Nash Pearson, Jr., was also a noted civil  
22 rights activist in Jacksonville heading numerous voter registration  
23 drives over many decades; and

24       **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the Pearson Residence meets  
25 two (2) of the seven (7) criteria required for local landmark  
26 designation, as more particularly described in the Staff Report of  
27 the Planning and Development Department (Staff Report), **On File**  
28 with the Legislative Services Division; and

29       **WHEREAS**, on Augusts 26, 2020, the Jacksonville Historic  
30 Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the  
31 proposed local landmark designation; and

1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic  
2 Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council has reviewed the  
3 proposed local landmark designation, taking into consideration its  
4 importance and historical and cultural value, as more fully set  
5 forth in Application LM-20-04 and the Staff Report; and

6           **WHEREAS**, all public notice and public hearing requirements  
7 have been met for designating the Pearson Residence as a local  
8 landmark; and

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

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

15           **Section 1.           Designation of Local Landmark.** Pursuant to  
16 Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), *Ordinance Code*, the Council  
17 hereby designates the Pearson Residence, located at 1478 McConihe  
18 Street, in Council District 8, as a local landmark.

19           **Section 2.           Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria.** The  
20 Council hereby finds that the Pearson Residence meets two (2) of  
21 the seven (7) criteria for designation as a local landmark,  
22 pursuant to Section 307.104(j), *Ordinance Code*, and adopts  
23 Application LM-20-02 and the Staff Report in support of this  
24 finding, both **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

25           **Section 3.           Notice and Recording.** Pursuant to Section  
26 307.104(m), *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the Chief of  
27 Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary, to  
28 notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property  
29 Appraiser of the local landmark designation, and to record the  
30 local landmark designation in the official records of Duval County,  
31 Florida.

1           **Section 4.           Zoning Atlas.** Pursuant to Section 307.104(n),  
2 *Ordinance Code*, the Council hereby directs the Zoning  
3 Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and  
4 Development Department, to enter the local landmark designation on  
5 the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, *Ordinance*  
6 *Code*.

7           **Section 5.           Effective Date.** The enactment of this  
8 ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of  
9 the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the  
10 Council President and Council Secretary.

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12 Form Approved:

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14           /s/ Kealey A. West          

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Kealey West

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