

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and amended by the
2 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-518-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM OF SIX
7 MONTHS ON THE RENAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS,
8 PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION FACILITIES;
9 PROVIDING THAT THE MORATORIUM REMAIN IN EFFECT
10 FROM ENACTMENT UNTIL MARCH 22, 2021 OR UNTIL A
11 UNIFORM PROCEDURE OR POLICY FOR RENAMING IS
12 IMPLEMENTED BY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR A
13 REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
14 LEGISLATION INTRODUCED PRIOR TO MARCH 22,
15 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, the naming or renaming of public buildings, parks,
18 streets, and recreational facilities is complex and sometimes
19 emotionally evocative since assigning a name is a powerful and
20 permanent identity for a public park, street, facility or other
21 public place; and

22 **WHEREAS**, while the City has a procedure outlined in Chapter
23 745, Ordinance Code, to rename public streets under certain
24 conditions, the City does not have a current policy or procedure
25 for renaming public buildings, parks or recreational facilities;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, in recent months there has been increased interest by
28 the public at large in the historical and institutional motivations
29 for the names of certain public parks and buildings; and

30 **WHEREAS**, correspondingly, there has been a concerted movement
31 to rename public parks and facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City should strive to establish a coordinated and
2 consistent approach to the naming and renaming of parks, public
3 streets, public buildings and recreational facilities and therefore
4 the Council desires to place a moratorium on the renaming of public
5 parks, buildings and recreational facilities until the Council has
6 created concerted policy or procedure; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1. Findings and Statement of Intent.**

9 (a) The above recitals are hereby adopted as the Council's
10 Findings of Fact; and

11 (b) The Council will be undertaking a review of the City's
12 current laws governing the renaming of buildings and parks and
13 recreational facilities pursuant to Chapters 122 and 745, *Ordinance*
14 *Code*, and any other applicable Code provisions.

15 **Section 2. Moratorium Imposed.** The Council hereby imposes
16 up to a six month moratorium on the renaming of public buildings,
17 parks, and recreation facilities. This moratorium shall apply to
18 all applications for requests made to rename public parks, public
19 buildings or recreational facilities submitted after August 11,
20 2020. The Council also agrees to refrain from filing legislation
21 requesting the renaming of public buildings, parks, and recreation
22 facilities during the period of the moratorium.

23 **Section 3. Duration of Moratorium.** This moratorium shall
24 remain in effect from enactment until March 22, 2021 unless the
25 Council adopts a policy or procedure to address the renaming of
26 public buildings, parks, and recreation facilities prior to this
27 time in which case the moratorium will cease.

28 **Section 4. Review by Committee as a Whole.** Should the
29 Council consider legislation requesting the renaming of public
30 buildings, parks or recreational facilities before March 22, 2021,
31 and the Council has not yet adopted legislation implementing a

1 policy or procedure for renaming, the Council shall consider such
2 legislation pursuant to Council Rule 2.105, Committee of the Whole.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

10 Office of General Counsel

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