

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-657

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

Date of Introduction: September 14, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: September 16, 2021

Type of Action: Designation of Local Landmark

Bill Summary: This bill designates the Furchgott's Department Store Building, which is owned by Lotus Commercial USA, LLC, located at 128 West Adams Street as a local landmark. The property owner is in support of the landmark designation.

Background Information: The building was built in 1941, Furchgott's is a classic Art Deco style structure designed by the prominent Jacksonville architectural firm of Marsh and Saxelbye. The large five-story building with basement occupies the southeast corner of West Adams and Hogan Streets and was constructed using steel joists, concrete floors, with brick walls and smooth stucco exterior. Furchgott's is the only downtown building directly associated with one of Jacksonville's most important and oldest retail business until it ceased operation in 1984.

Policy Impact Area: Historic Designation

Fiscal Impact: Cost to maintain historic preservation of building

Analyst: Distel