Introduced by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety Committee:

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ORDINANCE 2021-751

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A PARTIAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR REHABILITATION OF A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE IN THE SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT LOCATED AT 1843 PERRY STREET, OWNED BY PERRY STREET, LLC; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION FROM THAT PORTION OF AD VALOREM TAXATION LEVIED BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ON ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE RESULTING FROM THE QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 780.303, ORDINANCE CODE; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1st OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE COUNCIL ENACTS THIS ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 780.304, ORDINANCE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1992, Florida voters overwhelmingly approved by referendum an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida authorizing local governments to provide a partial ad valorem property tax exemption to owners of Florida historic properties who restore, rehabilitate, or renovate those structures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VII, Section 3(d), the City of Jacksonville may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy, grant historic preservation partial ad valorem property tax exemptions to owners of historic

properties by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 196.1997(1), Florida Statutes, provides that a municipality may grant partial ad valorem property tax exemptions under the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VII, Section 3(d) to historic properties, if the owners are engaging in the restoration, rehabilitation, or renovation of such properties, in accordance with the guidelines established therein; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the City Council enacted Part 3, (Tax Exemption for Rehabilitation of Historic Landmarks and Properties in Historic Districts), Chapter 780 (Property Tax), Ordinance Code, providing for a Historic Rehabilitation Tax Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 1843 Perry Street is a contributing structure in the Springfield Historic District ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, Perry Street, LLC ("Owner"), has submitted a complete Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application, On File with the City Council Legislative Services Division, including all required documentation ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has determined that the Property is a Qualifying Property as defined in Section 780.302, Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has determined that the rehabilitation of the Property as described in the Application, and depicted, in part, in the photographs included in the Application, is a Qualifying Improvement Project, as defined in Section 780.302, Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has determined that the Qualifying Improvement Project is consistent with the U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has determined that the Application meets the requirements of Part 3, Chapter 780, Ordinance Code, and Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Owner of the Property has executed the required Historic Preservation Tax Exemption Covenant, pursuant to Section 780.336, Ordinance Code, in which the Owner agrees to maintain and repair the Property, including the Qualifying Improvement Project, so as to preserve its architectural, historical or archaeological integrity during the exemption period; now, therefore

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

Section 1. Adopting Recitals and Granting Exemption. The Council adopts the above recitals as its findings of fact and hereby approves a Historic Rehabilitation Tax Exemption pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 780, Ordinance Code, for the Property. The exemption approved herein is a partial ad valorem property tax exemption for one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in assessed value resulting from the Qualifying Improvement Project.

Section 2. Exemption Time Period. The Council hereby approves the exemption granted in Section 1 for a period of ten (10) years, pursuant to Section 780.304, Ordinance Code, beginning on January 1st of the year following the year in which the Council enacts this ordinance, and expiring on December 31st of the tenth year thereafter.

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