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

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ORDINANCE 2021-319-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 307 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION), ORDINANCE CODE; DESIGNATING THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, OWNED BY 323 E BAY STREET, LLC, LOCATED AT 323 EAST BAY STREET, REAL ESTATE NUMBER 073362-0000, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, FLORIDA, AS A LOCAL JACKSONVILLE LANDMARK; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION, AND TO RECORD THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY; DIRECTING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER THE LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ON THE ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the structure to be designated by this ordinance is the commercial building located at 323 East Bay Street (the "323 Building") constructed in 1904, Real Estate Number 073362-0000, in Council District 7; and

WHEREAS, the 323 Building was one of a small group of commercial and warehouse buildings constructed in the eastern part of downtown following the 1901 fire; and

WHEREAS, the 323 Building was originally constructed as a hardware store serving adjacent port related businesses and housed George E. Chase and Company; and

WHEREAS, the design of the building reflects a commercial style referred to as the two-part commercial block, one of the oldest types of commercial designs dating back to medieval towns and Colonial settlements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), Ordinance Code, the Council has considered the issue of designating the 323 Building as a landmark, taking into consideration its importance and historical value, as more fully set forth in the Designation Application, LM-21-02, and Staff Report of the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development Department, a copy of which is on file with Legislative Services as Composite Exhibit 1, and incorporated by reference herein (the "Application and Staff Report"); and

WHEREAS, all public notice and public hearing requirements have been met for designating the 323 Building as a local landmark; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2021, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, the property owner is in support of the landmark
designation; and

WHEREAS, having met the requisite criteria, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Jacksonville to designate the 323 Building as a local landmark, in furtherance of historic preservation and protection; now, therefore

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

Section 1. Designation of Local Landmark. Pursuant to Chapter 307 (Historic Preservation), Ordinance Code, the Council

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Form Approved:

Legislation Prepared By: Kealey West

hereby designates the 323 Building, located at 323 East Bay Street, Real Estate Number 073362-0000, in Council District 7, as a local landmark.

Section 2. Satisfaction of Requisite Criteria. Council hereby finds that the 323 Building meets three (3) of the requisite criteria set forth in Section 307.104(j), Ordinance Code, as more fully set forth in the Application and Staff Report.

Section 3. Notice of Landmark Designation. Pursuant to Section 307.104(m), Ordinance Code, the Council hereby directs the Chief of Legislative Services, as designee of the Council Secretary, to notify the applicant, the property owner, and the Property Appraiser of the designation of the landmark.

Recording of Landmark Designation. Section 4. The Council hereby directs the Chief of Legislative Services to record this ordinance in the official records for Duval County, Florida.

Section 5. Landmark Designation Zoning on Pursuant to Section 307.104(n), Ordinance Code, the Council hereby directs the Zoning Administrator, as designee of the Director of the Planning and Development Department, to enter the landmark designation on the Zoning Atlas, in accordance with Section 656.203, Ordinance Code.

Section 6. Effective Date. The enactment of this ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the Council and therefore shall become effective upon signature by the Council President and Council Secretary.

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