



## Legislation Text

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### **Quasi-Judicial - Adding Property to the Local Register of Historic Places - 215 N. Main Street Masonic Lodge (B)**

Ordinance No. 190696

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville adding certain property located at 215 N. Main Street and commonly known as the Masonic Lodge, as more specifically described in this ordinance, to the City of Gainesville's Local Register of Historic Places; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

This ordinance, without the consent of the property owner who does not approve of this ordinance, will place certain property on the City of Gainesville's Local Register of Historic Places. The subject property is located at 215 N. Main Street, and commonly known as the Masonic Lodge.

The building was built in 1908 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The membership of the Masonic Lodge consisted of local politicians, businessmen, and developers whom played an important role in shaping the City. The building exemplifies Italian Renaissance architecture and is an example of the ornate form of architecture used for public and civic buildings in the early 20th century. Due to its association with events that are significant to local, state, or national history, on November 7, 2019 the City Commission nominated this property for the Local Register of Historic Places by a vote of 6/0.

On January 7, 2020, the Historic Preservation Board approved the nomination of the property to the Local Historic Register of Historic Places by a vote of 5/0. In accordance with Sec. 30-4.28 of the Land Development Code, the nomination is processed as a rezoning to impose the historic preservation/conservation zoning district as an overlay on the property. The City Plan Board held a public hearing on January 23, 2020, and voted 5/2 to recommend approving this nomination.

In accordance with Sec. 30-4.28 C. of the Land Development Code, upon approval of this ordinance by the City Commission, the City Manager or designee shall issue an official certificate of historic significance and cause the Local Register designation to be recorded in the public records of Alachua County, Florida. This ordinance requires one hearing and will become effective immediately.