

**Additional Information for
Agenda Item #8
for
Meeting of Tuesday,
July 13, 2021**

Consent:

8. Approval to Rename Gamble Street to Robert and Trudie Perkins Lane Way
(County Administrator/ DSEM)

Please find attached additional information and a recommended revised Option #1.

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Leon County Government

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: July 8, 2021

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

SUBJECT: BOCC July 13, 2021 Consent Agenda Item #8
Gamble Street Renaming in Honor of Robert and Trudie Perkins

Following the publishing of agenda materials for the July 13th Board meeting, DSEM staff was contacted on July 7, 2021 by the City of Tallahassee seeking to modify its request for the renaming of Gamble Street on behalf of the Perkins family (agenda item #8).

The City is seeking Board approval of the suffix "Way" instead of "Lane" as provided in the published agenda materials to rename Gamble Street to "*Robert and Trudie Perkins Way*." Ms. Perkins also contacted DSEM staff directly to share the use of "Way" pays fitting tribute to the way her father and mother fought for justice and equal rights. DSEM Addressing staff has reviewed the request and found it to be consistent with the adopted Addressing Policies and Procedures Operating Guidelines; therefore, Addressing staff supports the request to rename Gamble Street to "Robert and Trudie Perkins Way" and recommends the Board move Option #1, as revised:

Option #1: Approve the City of Tallahassee Commission request for the renaming of Gamble Street to Robert and Trudie Perkins Way and adopt the associated Resolution (Attachment #1).

Attachment #1: Replacement Resolution
Attachment #3: Replacement Map

LEON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 21-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RENAMING GAMBLE STREET TO ROBERT AND TRUDIE
PERKINS WAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI of Chapter 10 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida and Section 336.05, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida ("Board"), is authorized to name and rename streets within the unincorporated and incorporated portions of Leon County, except for State roads designated by number; and

WHEREAS, Development Support and Environmental Services, Addressing Division, received a request from the City of Tallahassee to rename "Gamble Street" to "Robert and Trudie Perkins Way" to honor their instrumental role in the fight for social justice and economic equality for black residents in Tallahassee; and

WHEREAS, the Perkins operated Perkins Service Station and Beauty Shop located on the corner of Osceola Street and Railroad Avenue (now Wahnish Way), which at the time was the only black-owned service station in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Perkins were generous to nearby residents of the Bond community, providing an array of services at minimal costs, including gasoline to residents participating in the Tallahassee bus boycott in the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins strongly advocated for recreational facilities for black youth which eventually transpired into the allocation of funds for the construction of recreational facilities such as the Jake Gaither Park and Recreational Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Perkins was one the first black nurses employed at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) and sought to abolish discriminatory employment practices, fighting against the mistreatment and harassment faced by black employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins assisted 25 hospital employees with filing complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice and met with members of Congress to provide proof of discriminatory employment practices at TMH; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkin's efforts led to a consent decree which required the City, as the owner of TMH, to fill half of all vacancies with minority applicants until the long-term goal of 23.7% black representation had been achieved across eight different job categories; and

WHEREAS, both Robert and Trudie Perkins were graduates of the Florida A&M University (FAMU) and Mr. Perkins was a professor of both FAMU and Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, Gamble Street runs east-west from South M.L. King Jr. Boulevard to the newly realigned FAMU Way through the heart of FAMU; and

1 WHEREAS, the Board desires to rename "Gamble Street" to "Robert and Trudie Perkins Way."

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3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON
4 COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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6 **Section 1. Renaming Gamble Street to Robert and Trudie Perkins Way.**

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8 The Board hereby renames "Gamble Street" to "Robert and Trudie Perkins Way" from its
9 intersection with South M. L. King, Jr. Boulevard to its intersection with FAMU Way, as identified in
10 Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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12 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

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14 This resolution shall become effective on August 27, 2021.

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16 DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County,
17 Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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19 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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22 By: _____
23 Rick Minor, Chair
24 Board of County Commissioners
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26 ATTESTED BY:
27 Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court
28 & Comptroller, Leon County, Florida
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31 By: _____
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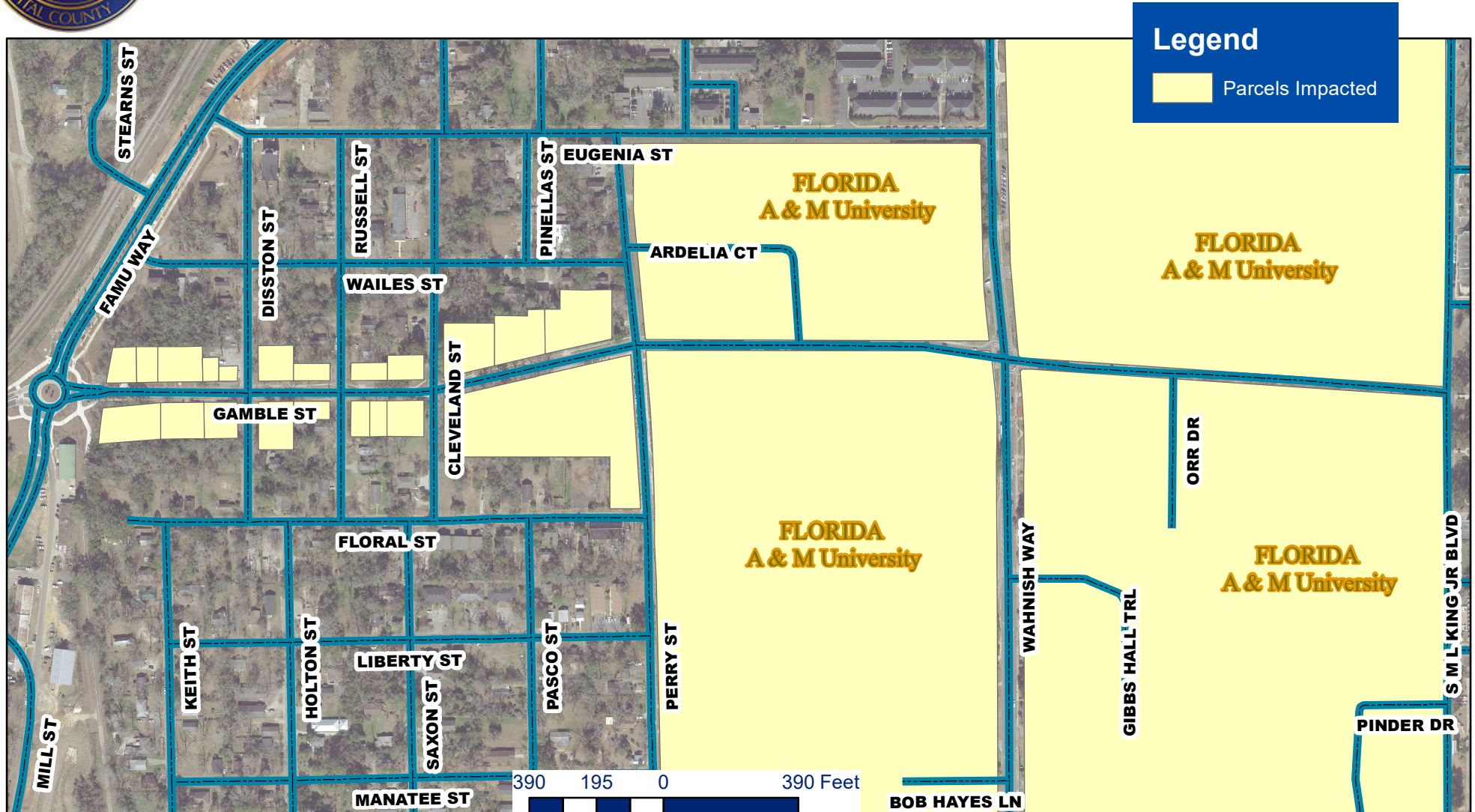
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34 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
35 Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney
36 Leon County Attorney's Office
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39 By: _____



City of Tallahassee Renaming Request of Gamble Street to Robert and Trudie Perkins Way

Department of Development Support and Environmental Management
Code Compliance Services Division



Addresses impacted by the proposed Renaming of
Gamble Street:

33 Non-residential/Non-commercial (Mainly FAMU),
11 Residential & 5 Commercial

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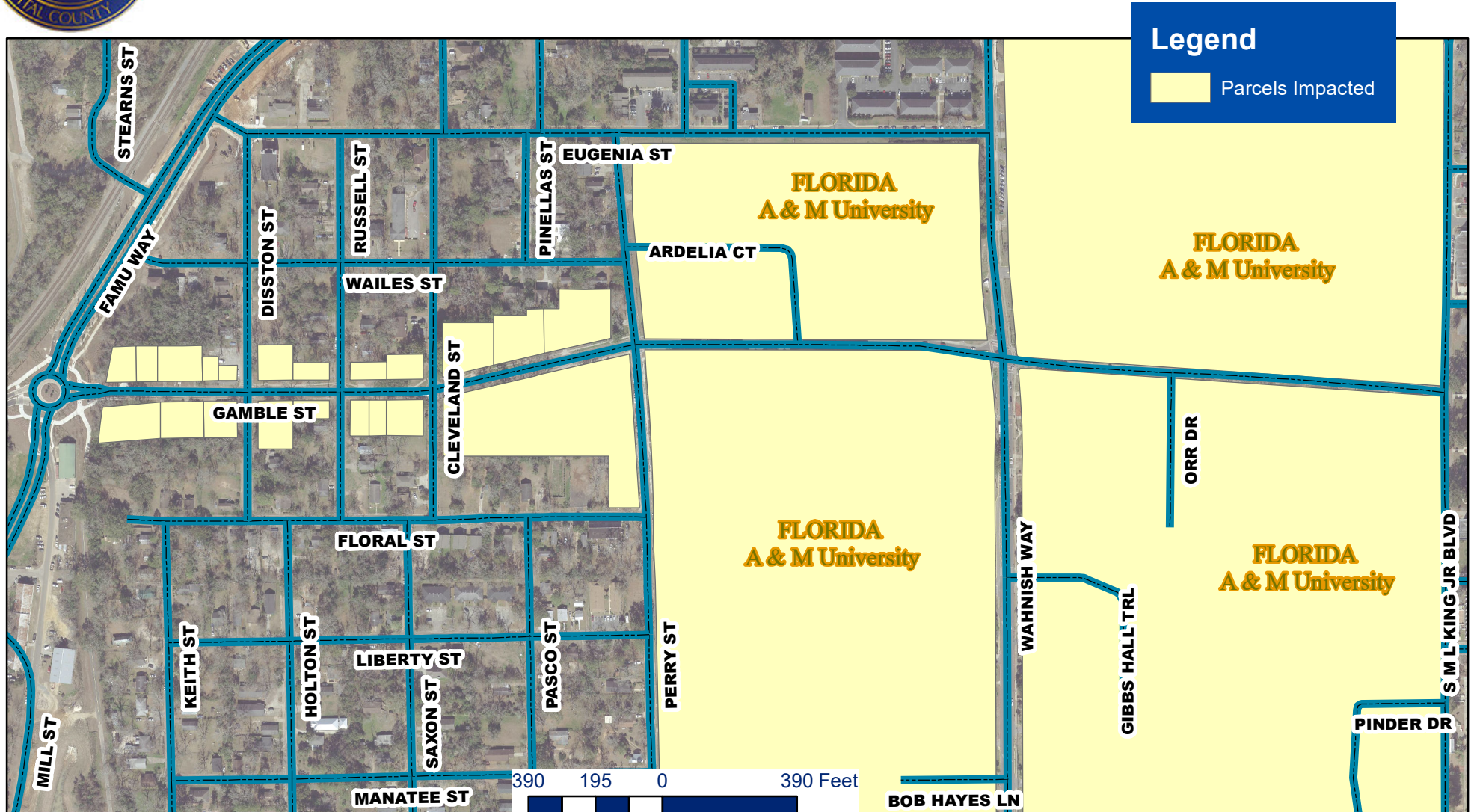
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Attachment #3
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Legend

Parcels Impacted



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