

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2025

DECLARING that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jim Scott Way” in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as a spokesperson for the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade, leading the annual press conference each year and marching in the parade for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a Cincinnati radio legend with more than forty years on the airwaves and served as the voice of several generations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a public servant and volunteer, helping to raise funds and awareness for local charities and organizations including the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, Cincinnati Public Radio, Cincinnati United Way, the March of Dimes, Big Brother Big Sisters, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was recognized with many awards, including being named a “Community Hero” by the United States Olympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2024 Findlay Market Opening Day Parade where he rode the parade route in a convertible alongside his wife, Donna, with thousands of fans holding signs saying, “We love you, Jim”; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott welcomed every person in Cincinnati to come together in celebration of our town and the incredible event that is Opening Day in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott never forgot a face or a name and will be remembered for his brightness and his kindness; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jim Scott Way” in honor of Jim Scott.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as “Jim Scott Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Jim Scott via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk