

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that Thornton Avenue at River Road in the Sayler Park neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Elise Earley Way” in honor of Elise Earley, who was in a fatal car accident caused by an impaired driver, and as a reminder of the necessity for drivers to not drive impaired and always observe road and traffic regulations.

WHEREAS, Elise Earley was a West Side native born in 1995, the fourth of six children; and

WHEREAS, Elise started her education at Sayler Park Montessori and attended Our Lady of the Visitation and St. Ursula Academy; and

WHEREAS, Elise graduated from Miami University and obtained employment with CTI in Cincinnati as a Marketing Associate; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 27, 2018, while pulling out at the intersection of Thornton Avenue and River Road, Elise and her boyfriend were hit by an impaired driver traveling 106 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Elise tragically passed away on July 28, 2018, having just celebrated her 23rd birthday just thirteen days prior; and

WHEREAS, Elise saved five lives as an organ donor; and

WHEREAS, Council, together with Elise’s loving and dedicated family, her friends, and the estimated 1,800 people who attended her funeral, wish to honor her memory by placing an honorary, secondary name at the intersection of Thornton Avenue at River Road in the Sayler Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, by this action, Council and Elise’s family further seek to increase education and awareness of consequences of driving impaired and the fatal ramifications for failing to observe road and traffic regulations in the hope that future tragedies of this type are prevented; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Thornton Avenue at River Road in the Sayler Park neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Elise Earley Way” to honor Elise Earley and to

serve as a reminder of the dangers of driving impaired and the fatal ramifications for failing to observe road and traffic regulations.

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 Thornton Avenue at River Road as “Elise Earley Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be sent to the family of Elise Earley via the office of Councilmember Keating.

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: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk