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An Ordinance No._____ - 2022

RENAMING Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way in the City of Cincinnati at such time as the City receives sufficient donations for the costs related to implementing this street renaming, notwithstanding Council Resolution No. 16-2003, any Committee of Names conflicting rules and regulations, or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the renaming of a street in honor of a living person; MODIFYING Chapter 507, "One-Way Streets," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 507-1-C, "Calhoun Street, west from Vine Street to Clifton Avenue," to reflect the name change of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate donations for the purpose of providing one-time resources for the renaming of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way in fiscal year 2023; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds into Fund 314, "Special Events," for the purpose of providing one-time resources for the renaming of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way in fiscal year 2023.

WHEREAS, local citizens have petitioned the City to rename Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun Street is considered to have been named after a Revolutionary War veteran named Calhoun who donated the land abutting the McMillan subdivision which formed part of the original land for the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Robertson Way is not an existing street name in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Robertson is a former University of Cincinnati basketball player and National Basketball Association Hall of Famer; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Robertson was named a Great Living Cincinnatian in 2011 by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for his many accomplishments on the basketball court and in business in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, petitions to rename streets are considered pursuant to Council Resolution No. 16-2003, which calls for petitions to be reviewed by the Committee of Names and the City Planning Commission prior to approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning and Engagement held a public comment session on June 28, 2022 whereby some citizens of the community voiced their support for the renaming of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to rename Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way at such time as the City receives monetary donations sufficient to cover the costs to complete the street renaming, notwithstanding the requirements of Council Resolution No. 16-2003, the Committee of Names process and Section III. A. of the Committee of Names Procedures and Criteria, or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration is authorized to solicit and accept monetary donations to cover the costs of the street renaming; and

WHEREAS, no amounts from the General Fund shall be used to pay for this street renaming and this street renaming shall not take effect until the City Administration determines the City has received sufficient donations to cover the costs associated with the renaming; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that renaming Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way to be in the best interests of the City and the general public's health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Calhoun Street depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein shall be renamed Oscar Robertson Way at such time as the City Administration determines the City has received sufficient donations to pay for the costs related to implementing the street renaming, notwithstanding the requirements of Council Resolution No. 16-2003, the Committee of Names process and Section III. A. of the Committee of Names Procedures and Criteria, or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate donations for the purpose of providing one-time resources for the renaming of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way in fiscal year 2023, that no General Fund resources shall be used to pay the costs of the street renaming and that the street renaming shall not proceed until such donated funds are received and will cover the costs associated with the street renaming.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit donated funds into Fund 314, "Special Events," for the purpose of providing one-time resources for the renaming of Calhoun Street to Oscar Robertson Way in fiscal year 2023.

Section 4. That Section 507-1-C, "Calhoun Street, west from Vine Street to Clifton Avenue," of Chapter 507, "One-Way Streets," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, will be hereby amended to read as follows, upon the commencement of work for the street renaming:

Sec. 507-1-C. - ~~Calhoun Street~~ <u>Oscar Robertson Way</u>, west from Vine Street to Clifton Avenue.

Section 5. That existing Section 507-1-C, "Calhoun Street, west from Vine Street to Clifton Avenue," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code will be repealed upon the commencement of work for the street renaming.

Section 6. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 5 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate signage, in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 7. 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 City Administration to move forward with the donation, solicitation, and acceptance to expedite the street renaming.

Passed: _____, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
                  Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strikethrough.