

November 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202103059**
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Renaming a portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum

Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

RENAMING the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as “Flinn Avenue.”

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the emergency ordinance at its October 15, 2021, meeting.

Summary

In accordance with the City of Cincinnati Committee of Names, Procedure for Processing Proposals for the naming or renaming of City Facilities and streets, as empowered by Resolution 16-2003, a request to rename the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue has been submitted for consideration: The Committee of Names voted in favor August 2021 to the renaming of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue.

A request to rename a portion of Missouri Avenue in Columbia Tusculum was received from the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) and the Emergency Contact Center (ECC - 911) in early 2021. By changing the name of Missouri Avenue, between Newell Place and Rushton Road, the homes can keep their current address numbers, which do not follow the set address range of the rest of Missouri Avenue. As shown on the map, Missouri Avenue forms a “U” and the eastern portion of the street will remain the same.

The proposed street name is “Flinn Avenue”. This name was chosen with help from staff at the Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Cincinnati’s first neighborhood, “Columbia,” was founded in 1788 by Benjamin Stites. The first wedding that took place was in 1790, between Jane Newell and James Flinn. Taking into consideration this historical significance, the intersection of this street with Newell Place, and being that there is no other street in Hamilton County with this name, Flinn Avenue was chosen to be the new street name. The proposed renaming is consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012) and the Columbia Tusculum Community Council has decided to not take a position on this proposal. The City Planning Commission recommended the following on October 15, 2021, to City Council:

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APPROVE the street name change of the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue Columbia Tusculum.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement