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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

DECLARING that Seventh Street between Walnut Street and Main Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Stanley J. Aronoff Way” in honor of Stanley J. Aronoff and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the arts and his public service to the City of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, Stanley J. Aronoff was born on June 8, 1932 in Cincinnati, grew up in the North Avondale neighborhood, and attend Walnut Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aronoff earned a bachelor’s degree from Harvard University and a law degree from Harvard Law School, after which he returned to Cincinnati to practice law at the firm established by his father, Irwin I. Aronoff, now known as Aronoff, Rosen, & Hunt, LPA; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Aronoff was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, serving six years in the House and then serving thirty years in the Ohio Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aronoff served as Chair of the Finance Committee for six years, as President pro temp from 1985-1988, and as Ohio Senate President from 1989-1996; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his public service, Mr. Aronoff was a champion for the arts in Cincinnati and the State of Ohio, including helping create the Ohio Arts Council in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aronoff dedicated his time to the Cincinnati Association for the Arts, the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, the Classical Music Hall of Fame, the Cincinnati Museum Center, along with many others; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Aronoff assisted in securing funding and providing Cincinnati with the Stanley J. Aronoff Center for the Arts at Seventh Street and Walnut Street in downtown Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Arts Council Board awarded Mr. Aronoff the Irma Lazarus Award for his public support of the arts in the City of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Aronoff Center, Mr. Aronoff is also named on the Aronoff Center for Design and Art at the University of Cincinnati and the Stanley J. Aronoff Laboratory of Biological Sciences at The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Stanley J. Aronoff has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and his contributions and service to his constituents and the arts will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Seventh Street from Walnut Street to Main Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Stanley J. Aronoff Way” in honor of Stanley J. Aronoff’s public service and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the arts in the City of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio.

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 Seventh Street from Walnut Street to Main Street as “Stanley J. Aronoff 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 family of Stanley J. Aronoff via the office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

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: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk