

**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

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**An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

- 2025

**DECLARING** that Central Avenue at Liberty Street in the West End neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Marvin Smith Way” in honor of Marvin Smith and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community as the proprietor of Ollie’s Trolley and his commitments to Cincinnati’s neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, Marvin “Ollie” Smith is the proprietor of Ollie’s Trolley, a cherished burger establishment in the West End neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has been serving the Cincinnati community since 1993, offering a variety of menu items, including the signature Ollieburger, ribs, chicken, and fish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is renowned for his personal engagement with customers, often greeting many by name, even as he serves between 100 and 200 customers daily; and

WHEREAS, Ollie’s Trolley has experienced increased patronage, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic and amidst the neighbourhood revitalization of the West End, drawing a diverse clientele that includes construction workers and local residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith’s dedication to his culinary craft has allowed him to open various connections including meeting President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith’s commitment to the community also extends to education as he taught business and society classes at Chatfield College, providing students with insights drawn from his extensive experience in business and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions, Hamilton County, Ohio declared “Marvin Smith Day” on March 9, 2023, highlighting his four years of honorable service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, where he was stationed in Thailand; and

WHEREAS, Marvin “Ollie” Smith has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and his culinary contributions from Ollie’s Trolley and its impact on the Cincinnati community will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Central Avenue at Liberty Street in the West End neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Marvin Smith Way” in honor of Marvin Smith and in recognition of his culinary contributions from Ollie’s Trolley and his impact on the Cincinnati community.

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 Central Avenue at Liberty Street as “Marvin Smith 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 Marvin Smith via the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk