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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

**DECLARING** that Vine Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jeff Ruby Way” in honor of Jeff Ruby and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through decades of influence on Greater Cincinnati’s restaurant scene and his philanthropic efforts.

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Jeff Ruby, a recent Cornell graduate, arrived in Cincinnati and began creating popular concepts for event and dining establishments, such as Den of Little Foxes and Lucy’s in the Sky; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Jeff Ruby opened his first luxury steakhouse, The Precinct, in the old Cincinnati Police Patrol House #6, in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ruby’s success led him to opening his eponymous steakhouse in downtown Cincinnati, at the corner of Seventh Street and Walnut Street, anchoring and invigorating the Backstage District; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ruby’s restaurants are recognized as among the top steakhouses in the United States by Travel + Leisure, USA Today, Food Network, Business Insider, and many more; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Jeff Ruby sought to reinvigorate the Central Business District by relocating Jeff Ruby’s Steakhouse to the new Foundry development across from Fountain Square; and

WHEREAS, in his over forty-one years in Cincinnati, Jeff Ruby has sought to not only provide Cincinnati with world-class fine dining, but also have a transformational cultural impact through philanthropy and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ruby established the Jeff Ruby Foundation, which seeks to eradicate childhood poverty and eliminate obstacles that orphans and children in foster care face towards breaking the cycle of poverty and achieving positive life outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ruby has spent a lifetime in the pursuit of excellence and deeply impacted the culture of Cincinnati and had a profound impact on its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ruby’s exceptional business talent and success has enriched Cincinnati’s restaurant scene and made Cincinnati a destination for world-class dining; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Vine Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jeff Ruby Way” in honor of Jeff Ruby and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through decades of influence on Greater Cincinnati’s restaurant scene and his philanthropic efforts.

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 Vine Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street as “Jeff Ruby 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 Jeff Ruby via the office of Councilmember Landsman.

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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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