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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

DECLARING that Linn Street at Betton Street in the West End neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Domonic Davis Way” in honor of Domonic Davis, and as a reminder of the importance of creating safe spaces in communities for all children.

WHEREAS, Domonic Issac Davis was born on December 24, 2011, and was a vibrant and loving young soul whose life brought joy and light to all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Domonic was tragically taken from us on November 3, 2023 at just 11 years old, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and friendship that will forever be cherished; and

WHEREAS, Domonic was an active student at Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy, where he excelled in academics and athletics, proudly representing his school on the basketball court, and previously playing football for the Downtown Senators, displaying the same passion and drive he carried in all aspects of his life; and

WHEREAS, Domonic was a devoted younger brother with a big spirit, known for his infectious personality, bright smile, and undeniable love for his siblings, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Domonic was a child of the outdoors, always eager to play, explore, and enjoy life to its fullest, and who was well-known for his sharp sense of style and his favorite word, “Lookin’,” which brought joy to those around him; and

WHEREAS, Domonic had dreams of one day following in his father’s footsteps as a barber, while also imagining a future in football or as a YouTube star, like so many children with big hopes and boundless imagination; and

WHEREAS, Domonic’s love for life’s simple pleasures, whether it was playing with friends, enjoying his favorite snacks like Faygo soda and hot Cheetos, or being the life of the party, made him unforgettable to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Domonic Davis will always be remembered for his warm heart, big spirit, and the joy he brought to his family, friends, teammates, and community; and

WHEREAS, Council, together with Domonic’s loving and dedicated family, his friends, and all who knew him, wish to honor his memory by placing an honorary, secondary name at the intersection of Linn Street at Betton Street in the West End neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, by this action, Council and Domonic’s family further seek to increase education and awareness of the importance of working together to create safer communities for all children in the hope that future tragedies of this type are prevented; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Linn Street at Betton Street in the West End neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Domonic Davis Way” in honor of Domonic Davis and to serve as a reminder of the importance of working together to create safer communities for all children.

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 Linn Street at Betton Street in the West End neighborhood as “Domonic Davis 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 the family of Domonic Davis via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

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