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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that Borden Street at Elmore Street in the South Cumminsville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Dave Parker Way” in honor of Dave Parker and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community along with his lasting impact on the sport of baseball.

WHEREAS, Dave “The Cobra” Parker grew up on Borden Street in the South Cumminsville neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker learned how to play baseball by playing in Crosley Field’s parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker graduated Cincinnati Public Schools’ Courter Tech High School in 1970 and famously, while playing a game at Western Hills High School, hit a home run that landed on the roof of a nearby Frisch’s restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker was drafted in 1970 by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played as a right fielder for the Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburg Pirates, Oakland Athletics, Milwaukee Brewers, Los Angeles Angels, and Toronto Blue Jays; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker played on two World Series Championship winning teams in 1979 with the Pittsburgh Pirates and 1989 with the Oakland Athletics; and

WHEREAS, while playing in Major League Baseball, Dave Parker was a seven-time Major League Baseball All Star; was the Most Valuable Player in the 1979 All Star Game; was a three-time Golden Glove winner; was the 1978 National League Most Valuable Player; won the Designated Hitter Award in 1989 and 1990; and won the Silver Slugger Award in 1975, 1976, and 1977; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker won Major League Baseball’s first Home Run Derby in 1985 at the All Star Game in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker was inducted into the Cincinnati Public School’s Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012, the Cincinnati Red’s Hall of Fame in 2014, and the Pittsburgh Pirates’ Inaugural Hall of Fame Class in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker, through his Dave Parker39 Foundation, has raised awareness and funds for Parkinson’s disease including establishing a Parkinson Patient Care Fund at the University of Cincinnati Gardner Neuroscience Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker has enjoyed volunteering with the Reds Urban Youth Academy, continuing to spread the joy of baseball throughout the Cincinnati community; and

WHEREAS, Dave Parker has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati's citizens, and his contributions and service in the sport of baseball and raising awareness of Parkinson's disease will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Borden Street at Elmore Street in the South Cumminsville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Dave Parker Way" in honor of Dave Parker and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through the sport of baseball and raising awareness of Parkinson's disease.

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 Borden Street at Elmore Street as "Dave Parker 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 Dave Parker 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: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk