

EMERGENCY

**City of Cincinnati**

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

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- 2026

**DECLARING** that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West at Burnet Woods Drive in the Corryville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Deputy Larry Henderson Jr. Way” in honor of Hamilton County Sheriff’s Deputy Larry Henderson Jr., a beloved husband, father, and Sheriff’s Deputy, who dedicated his life to the citizens of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the United States of America as a United States Marine.

WHEREAS, Deputy Larry Henderson Jr. was born on June 11, 1967, to the late Larry Sr. and Judith Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Henderson served as a United States Marine, embodying the values of honor, courage, and commitment in everything he did; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Henderson joined the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office as a Corrections Officer on June 14, 1991, and was promoted to Patrol Officer in December 1997; and

WHEREAS, in January 2001, Deputy Henderson received specialized training as a Hazardous Materials Technical Technician and in 2007, he was recognized with an award for his supervision of the Sheriff’s Dive Team; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Henderson joined the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT Team in January 2013 and later became a Task Force Officer (TFO) with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in July 2018 and because of his training and expertise, he also served as a member of the Bomb Detection Team; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Larry Henderson Jr. dedicated 38 years of service to our country and to the citizens of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2025, Deputy Henderson was assigned to a post at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West and Burnet Woods Drive, where he was ensuring the safety of pedestrians crossing the road to attend graduation ceremonies at the University of Cincinnati, when he was intentionally struck and killed by a driver; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Henderson was dedicated to his job and devoted to his family as a beloved husband and father; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Henderson served his community and country as a United States Marine and as a Hamilton County Sheriff’s Deputy with distinction and honor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati seeks to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty and so they will never be forgotten; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West at Burnet Woods Drive in the Corryville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Deputy Larry Henderson Jr. Way” in honor of Hamilton County Sheriff’s Deputy Larry Henderson Jr., and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the United States of America.

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 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West at Burnet Woods Drive in the Corryville neighborhood as “Deputy Larry Henderson Jr. Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be provided to the wife of Hamilton County Sheriff’s Deputy Larry Henderson Jr., 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 the streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor