

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that Goethe Street at Sycamore Street in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “City Gospel Mission Courage Way” in honor of City Gospel Mission and in recognition of its 99 years as a staple of the Cincinnati community, working to stop the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time.

WHEREAS, City Gospel Mission was founded in 1924 by James N. Gamble of Procter & Gamble to help people who are homeless and hurting to break the cycle of poverty and despair by providing food and safe shelter, long-term addiction recovery programs, job readiness and placement programs, and tutoring and mentoring programs for youths; and

WHEREAS, City Gospel Mission has been on Goethe Street for 43 years, creating a safe place for youth to grow and develop into healthy adults and a transitional housing facility for women struggling with substance abuse, incarceration, homelessness, prostitution, domestic and mental health issues called Having the Courage to Change, which has seen thousands of women establish stability in a place called home; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2020, City Gospel Mission planned an expansion project for the original building site on Goethe Street to impact more lives for lasting transformation, by building a long-term women’s recovery home in Over-the-Rhine in connection with the Having the Courage to Change program; and

WHEREAS, from January 2021 to March 2021, an effort led by Lucretia Bowman reached a historic agreement with the community surrounding the new expansion project on how the new building would be designed; and

WHEREAS, even when faced with a drug-use epidemic and a global pandemic, City Gospel Mission still was able to maintain a 78 percent success rate for graduates of Having the Courage to Change, and though City Gospel Missions’ recovery transformational services has served thousands of men and women to change their lives to overcome life-controlling issues; and

WHEREAS, City Gospel Mission has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to health and wellness of the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and its contributions and service to break the cycle of poverty and despair will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Goethe Street at Sycamore Street in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “City Gospel Mission Courage Way” in honor of

City Gospel Mission and its Having the Courage to Change program and in recognition of its contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through public service.

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 Goethe Street at Sycamore Street as “City Gospel Mission Courage 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 City Gospel Mission 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: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk