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

- 2023

**DECLARING** that Whetsel Avenue at Chandler Street in the Madisonville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Louis Orr Way" in honor of Louis Orr and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his career in basketball.

WHEREAS, Louis Orr, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, grew up in the Madisonville neighborhood, and attended Withrow High School; and

WHEREAS, at Withrow High School, Mr. Orr played varsity basketball and was named the Cincinnati Public High School League Most Valuable Player, First Team All-City by the Cincinnati Enquirer and received Most Valuable Player honors for the Cincinnati-Dayton All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr attended the University of Syracuse on a basketball scholarship from 1976 through 1980 and started all four years and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr led the University of Syracuse basketball team to win The Big East Conference Championship and was named as an NCAA All-American and First Team All-Big East; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr was drafted to the Indiana Pacers to play professional basketball in the National Basketball Association where he played two seasons with the Pacers and six seasons with the New York Knicks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr moved back to Cincinnati and found success in coaching basketball starting at Cincinnati's Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr later became the head coach of Siena College, Seton Hall University, and Bowling Green State University and for the last five years was an assistant coach with his friend, Patrick Ewing, at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr was the first former Big East player to become a Big East Head Coach, and received awards of Big East Coach of the Year in 2003, MAC Coach of the Year in 2009, and inducted into the Fellowship of Christian Athletes NWO Hall of Champions in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr was inducted into the Cincinnati Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 but never let his many honors reduce his commitment to his faith or his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr passed away on December 15, 2022 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Yvette Orr; his two children, Monica Russell (Lamont) and Chauncey Louis Orr; his two grandchildren, Isaiah Mack-Russell and Nasir Russell as well as his brothers, nieces, nephews, and numerous family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Louis Orr made a lasting impact in the Cincinnati community and his legacy, contributions, and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and the sport of basketball will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Whetsel Avenue at Chandler Street in the Madisonville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Louis Orr Way” in honor of Louis Orr and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and the sport of basketball.

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 Whetsel Avenue at Chandler Street as “Louis Orr 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 Louis Orr via the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

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

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**Aftab Pureval, Mayor**

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