

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

An Ordinance No. _____

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DECLARING that Considine Avenue at the intersection with Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Sergeant Charles F. Handorf Memorial Way" in memory of Cincinnati Police Sergeant Charles F. Handorf and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Charles Francis Handorf was the eldest of fifteen children born to Charles and Rose Handorf; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf attended Roger Bacon High School, but withdrew his senior year due to his father's illness and later completed his studies at Hughes Night School, graduating in June 1946; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf joined the Cincinnati Police Department in 1952, where he served with honor and distinction and was awarded several promotions during his time on the force; and

WHEREAS, among others, Captain Clem Merz, District Four Commander, considered Sgt. Handorf to be one of the most reliable men in the district; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Sgt. Handorf was shot in the stomach, requiring six hours of surgery and a long recuperation period, but thereafter he returned to duty; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a sergeant, Charles Handorf next worked in Investigations and was encouraged by his superiors to pursue the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, based on competitive examination, Charles Handorf was promoted to detective and transferred to the Crime Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, following a subsequent exam, then-Det. Handorf was promoted to sergeant and was selected to attend the prestigious three-month Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, a rare honor for a newly promoted sergeant; and

WHEREAS, in February 1966, Sgt. Handorf was transferred to Vice Control Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in October 1966, Sgt. Handorf was placed in command of the District Three Tactical Unit; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1974, Sgt. Handorf completed his tour of duty with his tactical unit at 11 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, at 12:15 a.m. on December 8, 1974, while completing paperwork, a call for help came in, to which Sgt. Handorf responded, though off-duty, out of a sense of responsibility as a leader of his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf tragically lost his life while responding to the call; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf was caring, competent, and well regarded by his fellow officers and the citizens of Cincinnati, so much so that the citizens and the Price Hill neighborhood placed a plaque at the base of the flagpole at the location of the Old District Three headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf was a great “street cop” and kept a poem in his locker titled, “The Indispensable Man,” to remind himself that no one is indispensable; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Handorf loved his two daughters and his family and was also a dedicated son, brother, and leader at the Cincinnati Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati wishes to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty 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 Considine Avenue at the intersection with Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Sergeant Charles F. Handorf Memorial Way” in honor of Cincinnati Police Sergeant Charles F. Handorf and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

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 Considine Avenue at the intersection with Warsaw Avenue in the East Price Hill neighborhood as “Sergeant Charles F. Handorf Memorial 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 family of Cincinnati Police Sergeant Charles F. Handorf via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman.

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 on December 8, 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk