

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2026

DECLARING that Mathis Street at Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Barnes Brothers Way” in honor of the Barnes Brothers Barbershops, and their lasting impact and dedication of service to the Cincinnati community for over sixty years.

WHEREAS, the Barnes Brothers Barbershop is a cornerstone of the Cincinnati community and is a family-owned business legacy spanning more than sixty years in the neighborhoods of Evanston, Madisonville, and Avondale; and

WHEREAS, the Barnes Brothers Barbershop began when Monroe Barnes, who served as a barber during the Korean War in 1953, returned to Cincinnati and opened a barbershop in the Evanston neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the first Barnes Brothers Barbershop became a trusted and welcoming gathering place for residents, and its success created additional locations throughout Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the Barnes Brothers Barbershops have served not only as places of business but as community cornerstone institutions, being spaces that are filled with fellowship, mentorship, laughter, and support for generations of Cincinnati families; and

WHEREAS, the Barnes Brother Barbershops have lasted through generations of the Barnes family and served generations of Cincinnati residents; and

WHEREAS, through dedication, entrepreneurship, and longstanding community presence, Barnes Brothers Barbershops have made meaningful and lasting impacts on neighborhoods throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor the Barnes Brothers Barbershops’ enduring contributions to the community by naming a street in its honor; and

WHEREAS, the Barnes Brothers Barbershops have made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and their impact on the Cincinnati community will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Mathis Street at Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Barnes Brothers Way” in honor of the Barnes

Brothers Barbershop and in recognition of its impact on the Cincinnati community and the neighborhoods of Evanston, Madisonville, and Avondale.

Section 2. That the appropriate City of Cincinnati 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 Mathis Street at Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood as “Barnes Brothers 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 Barnes Brothers Barbershops via the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

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: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk