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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

DECLARING that Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Allen Temple AME Church Way” in honor of Allen Temple AME Church and in recognition of 200 years as an important part of the Cincinnati community and its service and contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal (“AME”) Church was founded on February 4, 1824 by African Americans Reverend James King (a slave) and Reverend Phillip Brodie and it has served the Cincinnati community through its ministries for the last 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Allen Temple AME Church was the first organized Black congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains and provided more freedom and autonomy for worship while influencing positive change toward racial equality and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, in 1874, the Allen Temple AME Church was located at the corner of Broadway and 6th Street in downtown Cincinnati, and eventually moved to the Roselawn neighborhood in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, under the leadership of Reverend Donald H. Jordan, Sr., Allen Temple AME Church initiated the formation of the Allen Temple Real Estate Foundation to acquire and operate the Swifton Commons Mall; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of the Allen Temple AME Church relocated to a temporary worship center on its site in the Bond Hill neighborhood in 2000, to prepare itself for future church growth, as well as be a primary catalyst for neighborhood and economic redevelopment for the Bond Hill and Roselawn neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Allen Temple AME Church moved to its current iconic location at the corner of Seymour Avenue and Reading Road, which was designed and built as a new facility; and

WHEREAS, Allen Temple AME Church has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and its long and storied history in the City of Cincinnati will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Allen Temple AME Church Way” in honor of

Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church and in recognition of its 200 years of contributions and dedication 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 Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood as “Allen Temple AME Church 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 Allen Temple AME Church 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: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk