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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2026

DECLARING that East 13th Street from Reading Road to Pendleton Street in the Pendleton neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Marvin G. Butts Way” in honor of Marvin G. Butts, III and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community and the business community in Pendleton.

WHEREAS, Marvin G. Butts, III is a longtime Cincinnati resident and deeply involved in the Cincinnati community and the Pendleton neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts is the President of Air Marvin’s Limousine Service, Mr. Bubbles Detailing, Tall & Skinny management, MGB Records, and The Butts Family Foundation, celebrating thirty years in business and all of which are located at 512 East 13th Street; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Butts founded The Butts Family Foundation, which focuses on cancer awareness and strengthening families. The Butts Family Foundation is dedicated to educating families about warning signs of cancer and preventative action. The foundation is a tribute to his mother who lost her battle with cancer when Mr. Butts was sixteen years old. Later Mr. Butts would lose six sisters, four brothers, and his best friend to their battles with cancer as well; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Butts became an advocate for Hospice of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mr. Butts was asked to join Real Mean Wear Pink/Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, The Butts Family Foundation formed Bridge the Gap and collaborated with the City to support graduating high school seniors. This effort raised more than \$65,000 to ensure 489 Cincinnati Public School Students would graduate with no student fees, allowing them to access their diplomas and transcripts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts is a member of the executive board of Lighthouse Youth Services, Board of Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Community Advisory Board, and Mr. Butts was also a former member of the Casino Neighborhoods Working Group and the Bridging Broadway and Pendleton Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts for the past 29 years has held an annual fundraiser that feeds thousands of local families on the Thanksgiving holiday and provides children in our community with toys for the Christmas holiday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts is a youth mentor for at-risk youth recommended to him by Hamilton County Judges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts offers free protection and escort services to court for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butts hosts “Pendleton Night at the Movies” in which he sponsors a movie night at his business in which the neighborhood families are invited to a cookout where family friendly movies are shown; and

WHEREAS, because of his dedication and philanthropic efforts, Marvin G. Butts, III has received many awards and accolades including an Applause Magazine Imagemaker Award Honoree, a WIZF Unsung Hero Honoree, a Lighthouse Youth Services Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award Honoree, a Governor of the State of Ohio Jefferson Award Honoree, a 9 News Hometown Hero Honoree, a Cincinnati Enquirer Hometown Hero Honoree, A WCPO Hometown Hero Honoree, and a Fox 19 Success Story Honoree, and additionally, Mr. Butts was honored by the Downtown Council, Inc. and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce for public service and his work with teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Marvin G. Butts, III has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and his contributions and philanthropic efforts and his 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 East 13th Street from Reading Road to Pendleton Street in the Pendleton neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Marvin G. Butts Way” in honor of Marvin G. Butts, III and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and the Pendleton neighborhood.

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 East 13th Street from Reading Road to Pendleton Street in the Pendleton neighborhood as “Marvin G. Butts 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 Marvin G. Butts, III via the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

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