

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

DECLARING that Gilbert Avenue at Florence Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of David L. Cole Memorial Way, in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer David L. Cole and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Officer David L. Cole served the Cincinnati Police Department from July 20, 1969 to July 17, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cole was born on December 30, 1949, in Cincinnati, to Police Officer James E. and Ruth Cole and was the eldest sibling to Kenny, James, Connie, and Steve; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cole graduated from Amelia High School in 1969 and was the co-captain of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 1969, Officer Cole joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Cadet; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 1972, Officer Cole married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Haas, at St. Bernadette Church in Amelia; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cole served at Police Communications and in District 6 while attending the University of Cincinnati, where he graduated with an Associate Degree in Police Science, and on October 29, 1972, Officer Cole was promoted to Police Recruit, and on February 25, 1973, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge No. 160, and reassigned to District 6; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Officer Cole joined the Ohio National Guard and on March 31, 1974, he was rotated to District 7; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Officer Cole and his wife purchased a new home, and he was getting ready to study for the next promotional examination for Police Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 1974, Officer Cole changed his off day to attend a weekend drill with the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1974, Officer David L. Cole lost his life at 24 years of age in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer David L. Cole was dedicated to his job and devoted to his family and an exemplary officer and a fun-loving person; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cole served his community and country for almost 5 years, and was a City employee for almost 5 years, a husband almost 2 years, a Patrolman for 1 ½ years, and served in the Ohio National Guard for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati seeks to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty and 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 Gilbert Avenue at Florence Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of David L. Cole Memorial Way in honor of Cincinnati Police Officer David L. Cole 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 Gilbert Avenue at Florence Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood as David L. Cole 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 Officer David L. Cole via the office of Councilmember Christopher Smitherman.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk