

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2021

DECLARING that Vine Street at Liberty Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way and that Liberty Street at Vine hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Canine Bandit Way in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and Canine Bandit, and in recognition of their service to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Officer Clifford William George was born on August 12, 1946, to parents Edward and Charlotte George of Walnut Hills; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Central Adult High School in 1964 and began work assembling vehicles at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Norwood; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was drafted into the United States Army in January 1966, undergoing basic training and military police training at Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, after his deployment to Vietnam, Officer George participated in combat, convoy escort, post and town patrol, POW security, and ammunition supply post duties; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was honorably discharged on October 12, 1967, having received medals for Good Conduct and Army Commendation, as well as a Vietnam Service Award; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Cincinnati, Officer George joined management at General Motors, and attended the University of Cincinnati, majoring in industrial management; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 1971, Officer George joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a police recruit, and was promoted to patrolman on March 12, 1972, receiving Badge 339 and assignment at District 4; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 he transferred to the Regional Enforcement of Narcotics Unit (RENU), and in 1983 completed an Instructor Development Course at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1987, Officer George transferred to District 5; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1987, Officer George lost his life in the line of duty while attempting to arrest a suspect involved in a domestic dispute; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was survived by his wife, Barbara (Johnson) George, and three children, Jennifer Lynn George (age 15), Paige Alexandra George (age 12), and Jeffrey Michael George (age 8), and a sister, Janice Matinus; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was a very involved father and admired in his community of Springfield Township as a soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service as a soccer coach, Springfield Township purchased land and created soccer fields now known as Clifford George Fields; and

WHEREAS, his daughter Jennifer has served as a Cincinnati police officer since 1998; his daughter Paige was a nurse at University Hospital, now residing in South Carolina; his son Jeffrey is a United States Marine; and his wife retired as the head of the information technology department of the Metropolitan Sewer District, also now residing in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Canine Bandit also responded to the scene of Officer's George's death, with his handler Officer Gerald Norton; and

WHEREAS, as trained, Canine Bandit lunged at the armed suspect who had begun to fire Officer George's revolver at Officer Norton and other responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Canine Bandit was struck by a bullet and killed at the scene; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Vine Street at Liberty Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary names of Clifford William George Way and that Liberty Street at Vine hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Canine Bandit Way by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and Canine Bandit, and in recognition of their 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 Vine Street at Liberty Street as Clifford William George Way and Liberty Street at Vine Street as Canine Bandit 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 family of Clifford William George via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman and that a copy of this ordinance be sent to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum and Sergeant Gerald Norton 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 create signage for the naming ceremony, scheduled for November 12, 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk