

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2021

DECLARING that Rockdale Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Alvertis W. Bishop Way, in memory of Alvertis W. Bishop, recognizing his contributions as a businessman to the City of Cincinnati and as a vital member of the Avondale community.

WHEREAS, Alvertis W. Bishop was born in 1914 to parents Walter and Helen Bishop; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop graduated high school at age 16, and obtained a bachelor's degree from Bluefield State Teachers College in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop then moved to Cincinnati, first working as a Pullman Porter and later as a machinist's assistant and as one of the first Black foremen at the Wright Aeronautical Plant in Evendale (now known as General Electric Company); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop helped produce several of the Wright Cyclone engines used in American aircraft that contributed to the Allies' victory in World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Bishop opened a service station in Avondale at Rockdale and Burnet Avenues, using the knowledge of auto mechanics acquired from his father; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop was deeply rooted in the Avondale community, serving as the president of the Burnet Area Business and Professional Men's Association, as well as a devoted member of Carmel Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, through his membership as a Prince Hall Freemason, 32nd Degree, and as a Shriner, Sinai Temple No. 59, Mr. Bishop worked to better the lives of all Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Mr. Bishop passed away at age 74; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Rockdale Avenue at Burnet Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Alvertis W. Bishop Way" by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in honor of Alvertis W. Bishop, recognizing his contributions as a businessman to the City of Cincinnati and as a vital member of the Avondale community.

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 Rockdale Avenue at Burnet Avenue as “Alvertis W. Bishop Way,” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to secondary street designation.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Alvertis W. Bishop via the office of Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

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