

# City of Cincinnati

AKS

AWB

## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

-2021

DECLARING that Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in memory of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville community.

WHEREAS, Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. was born on November 2, 1938, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey served as the founder and Pastor of Harvest Time for Christ New Life Temple Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey was often referred to as the “Mayor of Madisonville” for his deep involvement in the community including his work to address hunger and assist those experiencing homelessness by purchasing property for housing, providing clothing, and operating a food kitchen; and

WHEREAS, beyond the neighborhood of Madisonville, Dr. Godfrey was also active in Cincinnati ministries including serving as a member of the executive board of the City Gospel Mission and helping to establish the City Link project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey, an advocate for education, founded New Life Temple Bible College, an accredited institution where students can earn an undergraduate and or a graduate degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey was also a radio host and author, having published Right Focus, Right Thinking, Right Results; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey passed away in 2017, but his legacy continues to live on through his family and church; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in honor of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville 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 Ward Street at Prentice Street as Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. 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 Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. 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