

# City of Cincinnati

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

- 2021

**DECLARING** that the portion of Harrison Avenue located between Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue in the South Fairmount neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Moon Tree Bridge in memory of the Moon Tree, a large sycamore tree descended from seeds carried on the Apollo 14 mission to the moon and planted in the South Fairmount neighborhood.

WHEREAS, in 1971, the Apollo 14 mission travelled to the moon carrying tree seeds that were later planted around the county and grown into trees known as “moon trees”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dennis Smith planted a descendant of the moon trees on his property, and it grew to be a large sycamore tree known locally as the “Moon Tree”; and

WHEREAS, the Moon Tree became a prominent landmark in the South Fairmount neighborhood, was well-known among members of the community, and was recognized as a second generation moon tree by NASA; and

WHEREAS, the Moon Tree was removed due to construction constraints associated with the Lick Run Project, but clones of the original Moon Tree have since been planted around the Lick Run; and

WHEREAS, the original Moon Tree has important historical and educational significance to the local community and local schools; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize the historical and educational importance of the Moon Tree and the Apollo moon missions by bestowing the honorary, secondary name of Moon Tree Bridge on the portion of Harrison Avenue located between Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the portion of Harrison Avenue located between Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue in the South Fairmount neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Moon Tree Bridge, in memory of the Moon Tree and the Apollo 14 mission to the moon.

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 the portion of Harrison Avenue located between Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue in the South Fairmount neighborhood as the Moon Tree Bridge 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 Mr. Dennis Smith via the office of Mayor John Cranley.

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

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk