

INTRODUCED: March 12, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-105

To designate the portion of Williamsburg Avenue located between its intersection with Goddin Street and its intersection with Williamsburg Road in honor of Spencer E. Jones, III.

Patron – Vice President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 26 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Spencer E. Jones, III, has been instrumental in raising awareness of and preserving understanding of life in the community of Historic Fulton, located in the east end of the city of Richmond, through his service as Chief Executive Officer of the Historic Fulton Foundation and dedicated work in recording oral history interviews with people who knew the area before the destruction wrought by urban renewal of the 1970s, contributing greatly to the Historic Fulton Oral History Project maintained by The Valentine Museum; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Mr. Jones' contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia as an advocate for historic and

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cultural preservation by designating the portion of Williamsburg Avenue located between its intersection with Goddin Street and its intersection with Williamsburg Road in his honor; and

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, do not apply to the designation made hereby or to any signs erected pursuant to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The portion of Williamsburg Avenue located between its intersection with Goddin Street and its intersection with Williamsburg Road shall be designated in honor of Spencer E. Jones, III, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the street block made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the street, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated street block. The sole effect of designation pursuant to this ordinance shall be to authorize the placement of commemorative signs in accordance with this ordinance memorializing the designation in honor of the named person.

§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the street block in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs shall be affixed to the street sign for the street designated in

section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the street block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and shall bear the name of the person set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

§ 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE Honorary Designation of the 5000th block of Williamsburg Road in honor of the Spencer Jones

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that designates the 5000th block of Williamsburg Road, between Goodin Street and Williamsburg Avenue, in honor of Mr. Spencer Jones.

BACKGROUND

The Council has occasionally made designations of City blocks in honor of persons who have contributed to Richmond's history and culture. The Mr. Jones has been a leader and innovator in preserving the oral history of the Fulton community, on the City's East End.

Mr. Jones has worked to preserve the history of Richmond's Fulton community by recording the memories and oral histories of residents and former residents. Mr. Jones's work was focused on preserving the history of the area prior to the City's and RRHA's urban renewal project that destroyed much of the then majority-black community. His work also records the impact the impact of City's and RRHA's urban renewal efforts that demolished much of the historic Fulton. Mr. Jones' interviews are preserved as part of the Historic Fulton Oral History Project. The project was supported by Virginia LISC, and records of the project are

preserved at The Valentine, The Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton, and the Greater Fulton Legacy Team, and VCU.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes No