

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-326

To rename the park in the city of Richmond known as Carter Jones Park as “Fonticello Park.”

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Patron – Mrs. Lynch  
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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 12 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council has from time to time found it appropriate to name or rename City-owned streets and facilities for historic and honorific reasons; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, the park known as Carter Jones Park was named in honor of a former member of the Council of the City of Richmond who ensured that the land was acquired by the City to provide green space for Southside residents; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, Native Americans called the land Fonticello; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, the land was once owned by W.G. Taylor, who called his estate on that land Fonticello and operated a mineral water bottling company known as Fonticello Lithia Springs Company using the water spring on the land; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: DEC 12 2022 REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of Council, community members continue to refer to the park land as Fonticello; and

WHEREAS, sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, generally prescribe a process for the renaming of City facilities, including parks such as Carter Jones Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the park located in the city of Richmond and known as Carter Jones Park be renamed as “Fonticello Park” without the necessity for strict compliance with the requirements set forth in sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

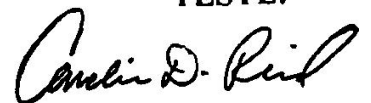
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, or any other law to the contrary, the park located at 2715 Bainbridge Street and 2813 A Bainbridge Street in the city of Richmond, with Tax Parcel Nos. S000-0914/001 and S000-0799/001, respectively, in the 2022 records of the City Assessor, and known as Carter Jones Park be and is hereby renamed as “Fonticello Park.”

§ 2. That, in order to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance, the Chief Administrative Officer shall (i) cause the appropriate City agency to prepare and erect signs appropriately marking “Fonticello Park,” (ii) request that all City agencies note such renaming in the records maintained by each such agency, and (iii) take all other appropriate actions to effectuate the renaming of Carter Jones Park as “Fonticello Park.”

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:  
TESTE:**



**City Clerk**

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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Haskell Brown, City Attorney

**THROUGH** Joyce Davis, Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

**COPY** Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member  
Amy Robins, 5th District Liaison  
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** October 27, 2022

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**TITLE** **Rename Carter Jones Park as ‘Fonticello Park’.**

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Stephanie Lynch

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use Housing & Transportation

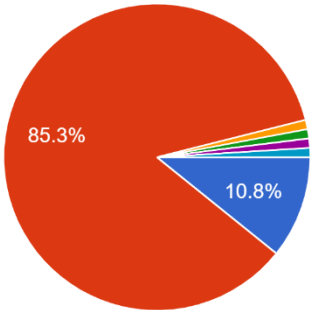
**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

Patron requests that legislation be drafted renaming the park currently known as Carter Jones Park as “Fonticello Park.”



Which name do you prefer?

102 responses



- Carter Jones Park
- Fonticello Park
- I say take a survey of the long term residents from the generations and see what they would name the park. I want something to remember Markea
- Woodland Heights Park or Powhatan (River) Heights Park
- Need more info
- Seven Springs Park