

INTRODUCED: May 8, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-153

To designate that portion of East 15<sup>th</sup> Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street, in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.

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Patrons – Ms. Robertson, President Jones, Ms. Lambert, and Mr. Addison

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 12 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones served the citizens of the Richmond area in various capacities, including as a Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly in 1993, and as the Mayor of the City of Richmond in 2008, having been elected to both posts on platforms of protecting the most vulnerable in the community, stimulating economic growth, creating jobs, and promoting programs for safe neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones served and continues to serve as a faith and community leader, most notably as the preacher and Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Richmond, a position he has held for 50 years; and

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ADOPTED:      JUN 12 2023    REJECTED:      \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN:      \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones, as part of his ministry and community outreach, was the founder of the South Richmond Senior Center and of the Imani Intergenerational Community Development Corporation, which developed an affordable housing project with 68 apartments and 23,000 square feet of retail space; 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 (2020), 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 Blocks for Honorary Name.** The portion of East 15th Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street shall be designated in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the portion of the street 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 blocks. 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.

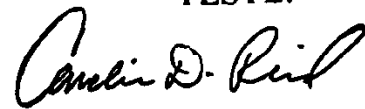
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the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

name of the street. The commemorative signs (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance and (ii) 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.

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlin D. Reil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**City Clerk**



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Laura Drewry, Richmond City Attorney

**THROUGH** LaTasha S. Holmes, Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Paul Van Lenten, Council Budget Analyst  
Office of the Council Chief of Staff

**COPY** Ellen F. Robertson, 6th District Council member  
Tavares M. Floyd, 6th District Liaison  
Mrs. Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** April 27, 2023

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**TITLE:** Honorary Designation of Street Name for Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones

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

#### REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council Member Ellen F. Robertson

#### SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing and Transportation

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The Patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that designates 15<sup>th</sup> Street (from Hull Street to Maury Street for Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.

#### BACKGROUND

Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones, served as the Mayor of the City of Richmond, originally elected to that position in November 2008, where his theme was "Building the Best Richmond", he was a Delegate, originally elected in 1993, championing efforts to protect the most vulnerable, expand educational opportunities, stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and keep Richmond's streets and neighborhoods safe, and was also a community leader. Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones served for over 50 years as the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Richmond. He has led the congregation in expanding its ministry to Chesterfield County and is building a second worship site in the County. He is also the founder of South Richmond Senior Center, and the Imani Intergeneration Development Corporation, developing an affordable housing project with 68 apartments and 23,000 of retail space. Dr. Jones is a

gifted preacher and leader. He earned his Doctor of Ministry from Union Theological School in Dayton, Ohio, and Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Science degrees from VUU. He has three children and five grandchildren.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	
Staff Costs - Anticipated costs for production of the street sign will be incurred by DPW.		

**Attachment/s**            Yes     No

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