

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-325

As Amended

To designate [~~that portion of P Street located between its intersection with~~] the 1100 Block of North 28<sup>th</sup> Street [~~and its intersection with North 29<sup>th</sup> Street~~] in honor of Dr. Paul Nichols as “Paul Nichols Way.”

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Patrons – All members of Council

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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, upon information and belief of the Council, the late Dr. Paul Nichols, received his Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Union University, his Master of Arts from the Union - Presbyterian School of Christian Education, (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), and his Doctorate of Education from American University and Wesley Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in the religious life of the city of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and nationally, Dr. Paul Nichols served on the boards of the Virginia Institute for Pastoral Care, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Baptist Ministers Conference, the Richmond Black Clergy Association, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, the American Baptist Churches of the South, the American Baptist Church, and the American Baptist Women in Ministry; and

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: JAN 9 2023 REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Dr. Paul Nichols for his contributions to the religious life of the city of Richmond by designating [~~that portion of P Street located between its intersection with~~] the 1100 Block of North 28<sup>th</sup> Street [~~and its intersection with North 29<sup>th</sup> Street~~] in his honor as “Paul Nichols Way;” 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 Block for Honorary Names.** The [~~portion of P Street located between its intersection with~~] 1100 Block of North 28<sup>th</sup> Street [~~and its intersection with North 29<sup>th</sup> Street~~] shall be designated in honor of Dr. Paul Nichols as “Paul Nichols Way” pursuant to this ordinance.

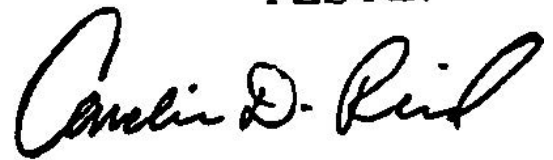
§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the portion of the street made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the street, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated street blocks. The sole effect 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 "Carolin D. Reed". 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

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Haskell Brown, City Attorney

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

**FROM** Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

**COPY** Cynthia Newbille, 7th District Council Member  
Kiya Stokes, 3rd District Liaison  
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** October 20, 2022

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**TITLE** **Honorary Street/Block Naming – Dr. Paul Nichols, a block P Street from N. 28<sup>th</sup> Street to North 29<sup>th</sup> Street, as Paul Nichols Way.**

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Cynthia Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Honorary street/block naming of a block on P Street from North 28<sup>th</sup> Street to North 29<sup>th</sup> Street, in honor of the late Dr. Paul Nichols and named as “Paul Nichols Way.”

**BACKGROUND**

Dr. Nichols was pastor of the Good Shepard Baptist Church and former Dean of Virginia Union’s Theology Seminary. He had previously served as Executive Director National Ministries of the American Baptist Church. Dr. Nichols earned his BA from Virginia Union, his MA from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, his Doctorate of Education from The American University/Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Nichols served on various boards in the city of Richmond, the Commonwealth, and nationally. He served on the boards of the Virginia Institute for Pastoral Care, Richmond Housing and Redevelopment Authority, The Baptist Ministers Conference of Richmond & Vicinity, the Richmond Black Clergy Association, Richmond Mental Health Board, Baptist General Convention of Virginia, American Baptist Churches of the South (ABCOTS), American Baptist Church General Board, and the American Baptist Women in Ministry.

**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	\$ N/A	

Note: Costs of signage are usually covered from DPW operating funds.

Attachment/s            **Yes**  **No**