

INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-177

To designate the 600 block of Judah Street in honor of the late Abraham Peyton Skipwith.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 28 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Abraham Peyton Skipwith was a Black person who purchased his freedom and went on to buy land in 1793 in what would later become Jackson Ward; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Abraham Peyton Skipwith built a cottage on his land in Jackson Ward at 400 West Duval Street, which had the distinction of being one of the first dwellings in Jackson Ward; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Peyton Skipwith left the property at 400 West Duval Street to his wife, which property was later inherited by his granddaughter and remained in his family's ownership until 1905; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JUN 28 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Abraham Peyton Skipwith's contribution to the history of Jackson Ward by designating the 600 block of Judah Street in his honor as "Abraham Skipwith Alley;" 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:

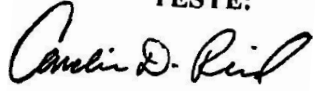
§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 600 block of Judah Street shall be designated in honor of Abraham Peyton Skipwith as "Abraham Skipwith Alley," pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 600 block of Judah Street made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the road, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated road. 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 road in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the road. The commemorative signs (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the block

designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and (ii) shall bear the name “Abraham Skipwith Alley,” as 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:

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Katherine Jordan, 2nd District Council Member
Sven Philipsen, 2nd District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

DATE May 12, 2021

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TITLE Honorary Designation of a block in honor of Abraham Skipwith

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Jordan

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron request that legislation be drafted for Council’s consideration that designates the a blocks of Judah Street from the intersection with Jackson Street to its intersection with Leigh Street, and further to its intersection with Duval Street, in honor of Abraham Skipwith, as *Abraham Skipwith Alley*, using two signs.

BACKGROUND

The City has made designations of City blocks in honor notable persons in Richmond’s history such as Abraham Peyton Skipwith. He was a Black person who purchased his freedom and owned one of the earliest dwellings in what would become Jackson Ward. He purchased land in Jackson Ward at 400 West Duval Street in 1793 and built a cottage there. He left the property to his wife and granddaughter in 1797. It was later owned by other descendants and remained in his family until 1905.

The biographical information given above is provided by the JXN Project.

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 erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

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