

INTRODUCED: June 14, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-174

To designate the 300 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Lorna Pinckney.

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, Lorna Pinckney was born on July 12, 1974, in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York, New York, before relocating to the city of Richmond to attend Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lorna Pinckney later attended Virginia Commonwealth University where she received a bachelor's degree in graphic design and advertising; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, while a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, Lorna Pinckney led the Black Student Union and a student newspaper

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called *The Vine*, and gained prominence in the city of Richmond for starting an open mic series for poets called “Tuesday Verses;” and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lorna Pinckney died on October 5, 2017, and is buried in Pinelawn Memorial Park in East Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Lorna Pinckney’s service to social activism and the arts in the city by designating the 300 block of North 2nd Street in her honor as “Lorna Pinckney Place;” 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 300 block of North 2nd Street shall be designated in honor of Lorna Pinckney as “Lorna Pinckney Place,” pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 300 block of North 2nd 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.

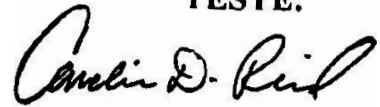
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and

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 “Lorna Pinckney Place,” 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:

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

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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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 June 1, 2021

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TITLE Honorary Designation of a block in honor of Lorna Pinckney

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 block of Second Street from its intersection with Broad Street to its intersection with Marshall Street, in honor of Lorna Pinckney, as *Lorna Pinckney Place*, using two signs.

BACKGROUND

The City has made designations of City blocks in honor notable persons in Richmond’s history such as Lorna Pinckney.

- Lorna Pinckney was born on July 12, 1974 in Brooklyn, New York.
- Ms. Pinckney attended the LaGuardia High School of Music and Art in New York before relocating to Richmond, Virginia to attend Virginia Union University. She later attended Virginia Commonwealth University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in graphic design and advertising.

- While a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ms. Pinckney led the Black Student Union and a student newspaper called *The Vine*. She gained prominence in Richmond for starting an open mic series for poets, *Tuesday Verses*.
- Ms. Pinckney died on October 5, 2017 and is buried in Pinelawn Memorial Park in New York.

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

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