

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-321

To designate that portion of East Charity Street located between its intersection with North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and its intersection with North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in honor of Dr. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr.

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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. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr., a native of Miami, Florida, graduated from Virginia Union University and subsequently taught there; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr., was a leader in the religious life of the city of Richmond, as he served as pastor of the Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for nearly 34 years, as a grief counselor and chaplain for the City's Department of Police, as co-host of a television program on Black religious life, and as a writer of the religion page for the Richmond Afro newspaper; and

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

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Dr. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr., for his contributions to the religious life of the city of Richmond by designating that portion of East Charity Street located between its intersection with North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and its intersection with North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in his honor; 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 East Charity Street located between its intersection with North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and its intersection with North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street shall be designated in honor of Dr. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr., 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.

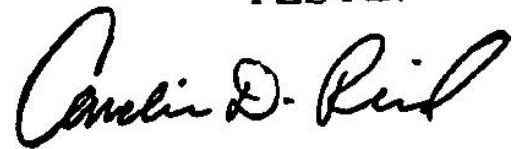
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the 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, flowing style.

**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** Ann-Frances Lambert, 3rd 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. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr., a block of East Charity Street.**

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Ann-Frances Lambert

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use Housing & Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

Honorary street/block naming of the block of East Charity St, between N. 1<sup>st</sup> St and N 2<sup>nd</sup> St., in honor of the late Dr. Kenneth E. Dennis, Sr.

**BACKGROUND**

Dr. Dennis was the pastor of the Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for nearly 34 years. He was a graduate of Virginia Union University who eventually taught there.

Dr. Dennis served the City as a grief counselor and a chaplain to the Police Department. He was known for writing the religion page for the Richmond Afro and for serving as a co-host of the Black Religious Life TV program.

He was a native of Miami, FL and veteran of the US Air Force.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

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

Attachment/s Yes ☐ No ☒