

INTRODUCED: September 12, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-224

To designate the 100 Block of North 5th Street in honor of Raymond H. Boone.

Patron – Ms. Robertson, President Mosby and
Ms. Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 26 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond H. Boone died on June 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boone founded the *Richmond Free Press* and spent more than fifty years in journalism in Virginia, including ten years at the *Richmond Afro-American*; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career and life, he was a vocal champion of equality and ending discrimination and of freedom of the press and the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to memorialize Mr. Boone's contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as an advocate for equality and freedom of the press by designating the 100 Block of North 5th Street in his honor; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 26 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), 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 100 Block of North 5th Street shall be designated in honor of Raymond H. Boone pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the street block 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 block. 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 street block in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs shall be affixed to the street sign for the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the street block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and 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.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

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DATE September 2nd, 2016

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TITLE Honorary Designation of a block of N. 5th Street between E. Grace Street and E. Franklin Street in honor of the late Ray Boone.

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that designates the block of N. 5th Street between E. Grace Street and E. Franklin Street in honor of the late Ray Boone pursuant to provisions of honorary block designation program established by Ord. No. 2015-1-28.

BACKGROUND

The City has created a program by which City blocks can be designated in honor of persons who have contributed to Richmond's civic well-being. The late Ray Boone was such a person.

Mr. Boone was the founder of the Richmond Free Press. He served as editor and publisher of the paper until his death. Mr. Boone spent more than 50 years in journalism on several papers in Virginia including 10 years at the Richmond Afro-American. Throughout his career and life, he was a vocal champion of equality, ending racial discrimination, freedom of the press, and The First Amendment.

Mr. Boone worked and resided in the City of Richmond until his death on June 3rd 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage and erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes No