

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-274

To designate the 2500 Block of Hawthorne Avenue in honor of Andrew “Bo” Hobbs.

Patron – Vice President Hilbert

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 12 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew “Bo” Hobbs died on September 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs attended Richmond Public Schools, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, where he was an all-around athlete, especially in football; and

WHEREAS, after attending Bowie State University and serving in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Hobbs worked for the United States Postal Service, retiring after 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs had a strong impact on Richmond area youth by serving as coach of the Thomas Jefferson High School girls basketball team for 17 years, during which time he established a scholarship in his parents’ memory; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs further affected area youth through work at the Boys and Girls Club in Richmond, as well as performing as a public address announcer for Highland Springs basketball games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs served as an official for both local high school and college football games and as President of the Central Virginia Football Officials Association, in addition to winning awards as a member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs resided at 2510 Hawthorne Avenue for more than 40 years and was a strong supporter of the Northside area and its activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to memorialize Mr. Hobbs' contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as an active supporter of youth sports and community endeavors by designating the street block on which he lived in his honor as "Andrew 'Bo' Hobbs 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 (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 2500 Block of Hawthorne Avenue shall be designated in honor of Andrew "Bo" Hobbs as "Andrew 'Bo' Hobbs Way" 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 corresponding to that street block as 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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TO Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney
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FROM William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst *[Signature]*

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DATE November 2, 2016

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TITLE Andrew "Bo" Hobbs Way

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Chris A. Hilbert, 3rd District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- The Patron requests an ordinance to authorize the honorary naming of the 2500 block of Hawthorne Avenue as "Andrew 'Bo' Hobbs Way".

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- The late Mr. Hobbs was a resident of 2510 Hawthorne Avenue for more than 40 years.
- Mr. Hobbs attended Richmond Public Schools.
- He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High, where he was an all-around athlete, playing football as his main sport.
- Mr. Hobbs attended Bowie State and served in the United State Marine Corps.
- Mr. Hobbs was a retired US Postal Worker with 25 years of service.
- Mr. Hobbs had a strong impact on youth through:
 - Serving as coach of the Thomas Jefferson Girls Basketball Team for 17 years, during which he established a scholarship in his parent's memory.

