



Legislation Text

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To designate the 1700 block of Porter Street in honor of the late Dr. Ruth Moore. (5th District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore served in the ministry for more than 60 years, including as the co-founder of Tower of Deliverance Ministries, pastor of Faith, Hope and Victory Church in Ashland, Virginia, and host of the radio program, "Faith, Hope and Victory with Evangelist Ruth Moore;" and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore attended Selenia Commercial College in Lumberton, North Carolina, Columbia University in New York City, Virginia Union University School of Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Shiloh Theological Seminary, and Light University, and earned a Doctorate of Divinity and Master's degree in Biblical counseling and degrees and certificates in pastoral care, crisis counseling, and AIDS and HIV counseling; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Ruth Moore served in various state and national positions as a member of the Church of God in Christ and ministered to the spiritual life of women; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Dr. Ruth Moore for her contributions to the religious and spiritual life of the city of Richmond by designating the 1700 block of Porter Street in her 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 Name.** The 1700 block of Porter Street shall be designated in honor of Dr. Ruth Moore 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.