



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To designate the 500 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Neverett Eggleston. (6th District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Neverett Eggleston was born on September 14, 1898, in Henrico County, Virginia, and later worked as a chef at the Lakeside Country Club and at a restaurant he opened in Jackson Ward called the Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Neverett Eggleston most notably managed Miller's Hotel and later purchased the building and renamed it Hotel Eggleston, which was listed in the 1947 edition of *The Negro Motorist Green Book* during the segregation era; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Neverett Eggleston passed away on December 5, 1996, and is buried at Saint John Baptist Church in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Neverett Eggleston's many accomplishments and contributions to community life in the city by designating the 500 block of North 2nd Street in his honor as "Neverett Eggleston Plaza;" 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 500 block of North 2nd Street shall be designated in honor of Neverett Eggleston as "Neverett Eggleston Plaza," pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 500 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 “Neverett Eggleston Plaza,” as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

§ 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.