



Legislation Text

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To designate that portion of East 32nd Street located between its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike and its intersection with McRand Street in honor of the late Frank J. Wilkins, Sr. (5th District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Frank John Wilkins, Sr., a native of Baltimore, Maryland, resided in the city of Richmond for over 60 years and was a resident of the Swansboro community; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Frank John Wilkins, Sr., was an active community leader, ministered to the sick and homeless, mentored youth, advocated for community schools, organized Neighborhood Watch activities, and sponsored neighborhood social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to honor the life of Frank John Wilkins, Sr., for his service to the community and contributions to the Swansboro community and the residents of the city of Richmond by designating that portion of East 32nd Street located between its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike and its intersection with McRand 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 Name.** The portion of East 32nd Street located between its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike and its intersection with McRand Street shall be designated as “Frank J. Wilkins, Sr. Way” in honor of Frank J. Wilkins, 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 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 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 designation 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 as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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