



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To designate the corner of 1601 Littlepage Street and Mechanicsville Turnpike in honor of Reverend Shady Clark, Jr. (6th District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Reverend Shady Clark, Jr. is a native of North Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, a Master of Science degree in Education from Longwood University, and a Master of Arts degree in education psychology from The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Reverend Shady Clark, Jr., has served in the education field as a high school counselor, high school principal, school district administrator, community college adjunct professor, and as a supervisor with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Program Administration and Accountability; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Reverend Shady Clark, Jr., has championed education in the city of Richmond through, among other things, his presence at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School where he partnered with caregivers, teachers, administrators, and students alike, to encourage and assist students in their educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shady Clark, Jr., has served as pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Church Hill for 47 years where he supported the community through outreach programs, which included providing clothing for job interviews, operating a food bank, and promoting voter education and voting accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to honor the life of Reverend Shady Clark, Jr., for his service to the community and contributions to the residents of the city of Richmond by designating the corner of 1601 Littlepage Street and Mechanicsville Turnpike 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 corner of 1601 Littlepage Street and Mechanicsville Turnpike shall be designated as “Rev. Shady Clark, Jr. Way” in honor of Reverend Shady Clark, Jr., pursuant to this ordinance, with placement of the sign at the corner of 1601 Littlepage Street and Mechanicsville Turnpike.

§ 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 sign (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed on 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 as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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