



# City of Richmond

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## Legislation Text

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To designate the 1800 block of South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5<sup>th</sup> District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Ida Lee Cheatham is 103 years old and was born on February 2, 1920, in Doswell, Virginia, as one of 12 children to Mary Ellen and James Rollins; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Ida Lee Cheatham was educated in Doswell and later moved to Richmond for employment as a housekeeper to support her family; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Ida Lee Cheatham worked diligently and saved money, allowing her to build a home in the Maymont area; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Ida Lee Cheatham has been very active in the community life of the Maymont neighborhood, including establishing a successful catering business, as a founding member of the Maymont Garden Club, the Maymont Civic League, and other women's groups, and as a longstanding member of Jerusalem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, family and community have been extremely important to Ida Lee Cheatham, and it has been her family and community that have supported her in living independently in her long-time home; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Ida Lee Cheatham for her contributions to the civic life of the Maymont neighborhood by designating the 1800 block of South Meadow 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 Names.** The 1800 block of South Meadow Street shall be designated in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham, 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 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.