



Legislation Text

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To designate the 300 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Lorna Pinckney. (2nd District)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lorna Pinckney was born on July 12, 1974, in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York, New York, before relocating to the city of Richmond to attend Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lorna Pinckney later attended Virginia Commonwealth University where she received a bachelor's degree in graphic design and advertising; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, while a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, Lorna Pinckney led the Black Student Union and a student newspaper called *The Vine*, and gained prominence in the city of Richmond for starting an open mic series for poets called "Tuesday Verses;" and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Lorna Pinckney died on October 5, 2017, and is buried in Pinelawn Memorial Park in East Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize Lorna Pinckney's service to social activism and the arts in the city by designating the 300 block of North 2nd Street in her honor as "Lorna Pinckney Place;" 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 300 block of North 2nd Street shall be

designated in honor of Lorna Pinckney as “Lorna Pinckney Place,” pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the 300 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 “Lorna Pinckney Place,” as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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