



Legislation Text

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To designate that portion of Wythemar Avenue located between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike in honor of Sharnez Hill and her daughter, Nezhiah Hill.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, on April 27, 2021, the late Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her infant daughter, Nezhiah “Na-Na” Hill were fatally wounded as innocent bystanders in the crossfire of gun shots at Belt Atlantic Apartments on the south side of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill was born and raised in the City’s east end and was known for her outgoing personality and peacemaking ways in her family and community, as well as for her great love of children, including her three-month-old daughter, Nezhiah “Na-Na” Hill; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the lives of Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her infant daughter, Nezhiah “Na-Na” Hill, who were both killed in a tragic shooting that took their lives by designating that portion of Wythemar Avenue between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike in their 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 (2015), 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 portion of Wythemar Avenue between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike shall be designated in honor of Sharnez Hill and her infant daughter, Nezhiah Hill, 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 blocks. 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 persons.

§ 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 names of the persons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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