



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To designate [~~that portion of P Street located between its intersection with~~ the 1100 Block of North 28th Street [~~and its intersection with North 29th Street~~] in honor of Dr. Paul Nichols as “Paul Nichols Way.”
(As Amended)

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, the late Dr. Paul Nichols, received his Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Union University, his Master of Arts from the Union - Presbyterian School of Christian Education, (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), and his Doctorate of Education from American University and Wesley Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in the religious life of the city of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and nationally, Dr. Paul Nichols served on the boards of the Virginia Institute for Pastoral Care, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Baptist Ministers Conference, the Richmond Black Clergy Association, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, the American Baptist Churches of the South, the American Baptist Church, and the American Baptist Women in Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Dr. Paul Nichols for his contributions to the religious life of the city of Richmond by designating [~~that portion of P Street located between its intersection with~~ the 1100 Block of North 28th Street [~~and its intersection with North 29th Street~~] in his honor as “Paul Nichols Way;” 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 ~~[portion of P Street located between its intersection with] 1100 Block of North 28th Street [and its intersection with North 29th Street]~~ shall be designated in honor of Dr. Paul Nichols as “Paul Nichols Way” 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 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.