



## Legislation Text

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To designate that portion of East 15<sup>th</sup> Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street, in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones served the citizens of the Richmond area in various capacities, including as a Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly in 1993, and as the Mayor of the City of Richmond in 2008, having been elected to both posts on platforms of protecting the most vulnerable in the community, stimulating economic growth, creating jobs, and promoting programs for safe neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones served and continues to serve as a faith and community leader, most notably as the preacher and Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Richmond, a position he has held for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones, as part of his ministry and community outreach, was the founder of the South Richmond Senior Center and of the Imani Intergenerational Community Development Corporation, which developed an affordable housing project with 68 apartments and 23,000 square feet of retail space; 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 Blocks for Honorary Name.** The portion of East 15th Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street shall be designated in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones 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.