



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2025-196, **Version:** 1

To designate the 3400 block of Castlewood Road in honor of Bishop Alfred L. Nicholson.
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 3400 block of Castlewood Road shall be designated in honor of Bishop Alfred L. Nicholson, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the street block 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 street block 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 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 road 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 of the person set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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

DATE: July 31, 2025

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: Reva Trammell, 8th District Councilmember
THROUGH: RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff
THROUGH: Will Perkins, Senior Legislative Services Manager
FROM: Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RE: Designating the 3400th block of Castlewood Road in honor of the late Bishop Alfred L. Nicholson.

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PURPOSE:

Designating the 3400th block of Castlewood Road, located between Haden Avenue and Lamberts Avenue Street in honor of the late Bishop Alfred L. Nicholson.

BACKGROUND:

The late Bishop Nicholson pastored Gates of Faith Ministries. He is also known as founder of the Chamal Development Corporation which helps to train people in construction and redevelopment projects as part of its Christian mission to minister to people and alleviate poverty. From the Gates of Faith Church, Bishop Nicholson led in efforts to provide housing for displaced persons, the Feed the Hungry Program, and participated in the US Marine Corps Reserves' Christmas program, Toys for Tots.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Signage costs of \$750 are paid from DPW operating funds

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 8, 2025

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 22, 2025

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use

AFFECTED AGENCIES: City Council, DPW

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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