



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2025-197, **Version:** 1

To designate the 200 block of East 19th Street in honor of Curtis T. “Bubba” Johnson.
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 200 block of East 19th Street shall be designated in honor of Curtis T. “Bubba” Johnson, 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. 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 200th Block of E. 19th Street in Honor of the late Curtis T. “Bubba” Johnson.

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PURPOSE:

Designating the 200 block of E. 19th Street, located between Stockton Street and Everett Street in honor of the late Curtis T. “Bubba” Johnson.

BACKGROUND:

The late Mr. Curtis T. Johnson operated one Virginia’s first black-owned Shell affiliated service stations. Mr. Jonson, known as “Bubba,” started Johnson’s Shell Service in 1960. He operated the business for 30 years near the intersection of Stockton Street and Jefferson Davis Highway, now known as Richmond Highway using the business motto: “service is our business.”

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, Housing, and Transportation

AFFECTED AGENCIES: City Council, DPW

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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