

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0518

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: August 25, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: R, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: August 25, 2020

Type of Action: Moratorium; providing moratorium duration; requesting emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: The bill imposes a two-year moratorium on the renaming of public buildings, parks, recreational facilities, and public streets. This moratorium will apply to all applications for street renaming or for requests made to rename public parks, public buildings or recreational facilities submitted after August 11, 2020. This moratorium will remain in effect from enactment until August 11, 2022 unless the Council adopts a policy or procedure to address the renaming of publicly owned entities. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because the City does not have policies in place for renaming public buildings, parks, and recreational facilities but legislation has recently been filed to make name changes to several public parks.

Background Information: The City has a procedure outlined in Chapter 745, Ordinance Code, to rename public streets under certain conditions, the City does not have a current policy or procedure for renaming public buildings, parks or recreational facilities. In recent months there has been increased interest by the public at large in the historical and institutional motivations for the names of certain public parks and buildings. As such, there has been a concerted movement to rename public parks and facilities without the City having a policy in place for renaming these facilities.

Policy Impact Area: Naming of publicly owned entities

Fiscal Impact: No financial impacts anticipated.

Analyst: Baltiero