

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney, Jr. and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gay, Howland, Johnson, Lahnen,
4 Miller, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White and amended on the Floor of
5 Council:

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8 **ORDINANCE 2024-550-E**

9 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
10 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
11 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND
12 ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR LAUDRED JEROME
13 SPATES; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET
14 DESIGNATION ON V.C. JOHNSON ROAD EXTENDING
15 BETWEEN DUNN AVENUE AND ANGEL LAKE DRIVE IN
16 COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 FOR LAUDRED JEROME SPATES;
17 PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY
18 ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE
19 LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROAD IN COUNCIL
20 DISTRICT 8; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
21 DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE
22 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSING
23 DIVISION FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION AND
24 COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
25 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES
26 AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS**, Laudred Jerome "L.J." Spates, a long time
29 Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer, passed away on August 6, 2013; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates was affectionally known as "Chief
31 Spates"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Chief Laudred Spates graduated from Stanton High
2 School in 1961; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after high school, Chief Spates enlisted in the United
4 States Air Force and proudly served during the height of the Vietnam
5 War; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after an honorable discharge in 1965, Chief Spates
7 continued his military career with the Air National Guard; and

8 **WHEREAS**, his educational achievements included earning a
9 degree from Florida Junior College, Edward Waters College and Nova
10 Southeastern University; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, Laudred J. Spates also graduated from the
12 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy located in
13 Quantico, Virginia; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, Officer Laudred J. Spates started a long and
15 successful career with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office having
16 served, commendably, for 37 dedicated years with Jacksonville's local
17 law enforcement; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Chief Spates' tenure with the Jacksonville Sheriff's
19 Office involved several promotions and higher ranking positions which
20 included Patrolman, Internal Affairs Detective, Chief of Community
21 Affairs, Chief of Investigations, Chief of Detectives, Chief of
22 Prisons, Director of Jails and Prisons and Director of Homeland
23 Security; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates was the first African American to be
25 appointed Chief of Investigations at the Jacksonville Sheriff's
26 Office ("JSO"); and

27 **WHEREAS**, as the Chief of Prisons, Officer Spates was trusted
28 with leadership of the Montgomery Correctional Center and the
29 Community Corrections Division; and

30 **WHEREAS**, during his long and remarkable career with the JSO,
31 Officer Spates served on the Command Staff under four former

1 Jacksonville Sheriffs, to wit: Sheriff Dale Carson, Sheriff James
2 McMillian, Sheriff Nathaniel Glover and Sheriff John Rutherford; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during his retirement, Officer Spates ran for a City
4 Council position for which he was extremely proud; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates' involvement in the Jacksonville
6 community is evident of his being President of the North Florida
7 Chapter of the Sickle Cell Organization as well as serving on the
8 Board of Directors for Shands Hospital and Jacksonville Federal Credit
9 Union; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Officer Spates volunteered as a member of numerous
11 civic organizations including the National Organization of Black Law
12 Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Jacksonville Brotherhood of Police,
13 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP, Lodge 5-30), Habitat for Humanity,
14 the Lawman's Hunting Club, Jacksonville Urban League, Inc., and also
15 was appointed by the Mayor and served on the Jacksonville Civil
16 Service Board; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the applicant submitted an Application and the
18 required fee for the honorary marker. A copy of the application and
19 the payment invoice are attached as **Exhibits 1** and **2**; and

20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j) (10), *Ordinance Code*,
21 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
22 on April 4, 2024 and on May 9, 2024, to ninety (90) affected property
23 owners requesting their written consent or objection to the proposed
24 honorary street designation. A copy of the first and second written
25 notifications and a complete listing of the 90 total affected
26 addresses are attached as **Exhibits 3, 4** and **5**; and

27 **WHEREAS**, sixteen (16) affected property owners indicated their
28 consent of the proposed honorary designation. Copies of the written
29 consents are attached as **Exhibit 6**; and

30 **WHEREAS**, twelve (12) affected property owners objected to the
31 proposed honorary designation. A copy of the written objections are

1 attached as **Exhibit 7**; and

2 **WHEREAS**, two (2) property owners returned the form as blank.
3 A copy of the blank forms are attached as **Exhibit 8**; and

4 **WHEREAS**, three (3) mailings were "returned to sender." A copy
5 of the "returned to sender" forms are attached as **Exhibit 9**; and

6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), *Ordinance Code*,
7 the remaining 57 affected property owners are deemed to have consented
8 to the proposed honorary designations due to their non-response to
9 the written notifications; now therefore

10 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

11 **Section 1. V.C. Johnson to Receive an Honorary Street**
12 **Designation for "Laudred Jerome Spates."** V.C. Johnson Road extending
13 from Dunn Avenue to Angel Lake Drive in Council District 8, is hereby
14 designated as contemplated by Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, for
15 "Laudred Jerome Spates." A map of the road designation is attached
16 hereto as **Exhibit 10**.

17 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for "Laudred Jerome**
18 **Spates" to be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as
19 contemplated by Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, recognizing "Laudred
20 Jerome Spates" shall be placed in appropriate locations on V.C.
21 Johnson Road.

22 **Section 3. Directing Legislative Services Division to**
23 **forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department.** The Chief
24 of Legislative Services is requested to send a copy of this
25 legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development
26 Department, Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and
27 coordination with the Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering
28 Division, the applicant and other affected agencies and
29 organizations.

30 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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