

1 Introduced by Council member Pittman:
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3 **ORDINANCE 2022-793-W**

4 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
5 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) ORDINANCE CODE;
6 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND
7 ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR FRED WILLIAM
8 CALLAHAN; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET
9 DESIGNATION ON MYRTLE AVENUE EXTENDING FROM 5TH
10 STREET TO 6TH STREET IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 FOR
11 FRED WILLIAM CALLAHAN; PROVIDING FOR THE
12 INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO
13 BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE
14 DESIGNATED ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8; WAIVER OF
15 SECTION 745.105 (I) (2) WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE
16 HONOREE BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS;
17 WAIVER OF SECTION 745.105 (I) (3) WHICH REQUIRES
18 THAT THE HONOREE RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY WITHIN
19 FIVE (5) MILES OF THE DESIGNATED STREET FOR AT
20 LEAST 10 YEARS; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE
21 SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO
22 THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR
23 PROCESSING AND COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC
24 WORKS DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER
25 AFFECTED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING
26 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS,** Fred William Callahan lived and operated several
29 successful businesses in Jacksonville before he passed in 2019; and

30 **WHEREAS,** Fred William Callahan served as a proud and decorated
31 member of the United States Marines participating in combat in the

1 Vietnam War; and

2 **WHEREAS**, as an enlisted United States Marine, Mr. Callahan
3 served as a distinguished Green Beret and served a complete tour; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Callahan was medically discharged and started a
5 successful business known as Skinner's Florist located in
6 Jacksonville at 1519 Myrtle Avenue; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Fred William Callahan was a proud father; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Callahan's family continue operating Skinner's
9 Florist as a successful and thriving business; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Callahan also worked as a major concert promoter
11 where he was able to book such well-known artists as Gladys Knight,
12 Patti Labelle, The Temptations, Teddy Pendergrass, and Bobby Womack;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, Fred William Callahan's legacy still exists via his
15 children who are college-educated and successful business owners; and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ordinance Code,
17 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
18 on May 13, 2022, and on September 1, 2022, to affected property owners
19 requesting the affected property owners to indicate their written
20 consent or objection to the proposed honorary street designation.
21 Copies of the letters are attached as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**; and

22 **WHEREAS**, initially, a majority of the affected property owners
23 indicated their written objections to the proposed honorary
24 designation. Copies of the completed Honorary Designation Form are
25 attached as **Exhibit 3**; and

26 **WHEREAS**, one affected property owner consented to the proposed
27 honorary designation. A copy of the written consent is attached as
28 **Exhibit 4**; and

29 **WHEREAS**, several affected property owners issued a written
30 "retraction" of their previous objections to the proposed honorary
31 designation. Copies of the "retractions" are attached as **Exhibit 5**;

1 and

2 **WHEREAS**, the applicant has remitted funds to satisfy the cost
3 for the honorary markers (See attached **Exhibit 6**); and

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

5 **Section 1. Myrtle Avenue to receive an honorary street**
6 **designation for Fred William Callahan.** "Myrtle Avenue" extending from
7 5th Street to 6th Street in Council District 8, is hereby designated
8 as contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, for Fred William
9 Callahan. A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
10 **7.**

11 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Fred William**
12 **Callahan to be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as
13 contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, recognizing and
14 honoring Fred William Callahan shall be placed in appropriate
15 locations on Myrtle Avenue.

16 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 745.105 (i)(2), Ordinance**
17 **Code.** Section 745.105(i)(2) which requires that the honoree be
18 deceased for at least five (5) years is hereby waived to honor Mr.
19 Callahan now for his contributions to the community by running a
20 floral business in the community.

21 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 745. 105 (i)(3), Ordinance**
22 **Code.** Section 745.105 (i)(3), which requires that the honoree reside
23 in the community within five (5) miles of the designated street for
24 at least 10 years is hereby waived because Mr Callahan owned and
25 operated Skinner Florists which is located on the designated road.

26 **Section 5. Directing Legislative Services Division to**
27 **forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department.** The Chief
28 of Legislative Services is requested to send a copy of this
29 legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development
30 Department, Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and
31 coordination with the Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering

1 Division and other affected agencies and organizations.

2 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
4 without the Mayor's signature.

5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/Cherry Shaw Pollock

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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