

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-0439

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Newby

**Date of Introduction:** June 11, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU, R

**Date of Analysis:** June 13, 2019

**Type of Action:** Renaming Street – Ordinance Code Waivers

**Bill Summary:** The bill corrects the spelling of Spellman Road from Benedict Road to West 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Council District 8. The name of the road should only include a single “L” – Spelman Road. The ordinance waives requirements of 745.105(d), Ordinance Code, requiring review of all street name changes by the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee as the Ordinance is not changing the street name, but instead clarifies the correct spelling.

**Background Information:** There are several Jacksonville streets in the Royal Terrace neighborhood that are named in honor of Historically Black Colleges and Universities including Spelman College. A 1952 resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners changed the name of “Dixie Road” to the new street name of “Spellman Road” using a double “L”. Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole, an alumna and former President of Spelman College, verified a review of public resources noting that Spelman College is spelled with a single “L”. On May 22, 2019, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission voted to adopt a Staff Report with a recommendation for approval to correct the spelling of “Spelman Road” with a single “L”.

**Policy Impact Area:** Street Renaming

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal cost anticipated for new signage

**Analyst:** Baltiero