

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-128

Sponsor: Council Member Gulliford

Date of Introduction: February 26, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU; R

Date of Analysis: February 1, 2019

Type of Action: Renaming Street; Ordinance Code Waivers

Bill Summary: The ordinance renames 1st Street West extending approximately 1 mile from Jefferson Street North to Pearl Street North to "Reverend Henry T. Rhim Blvd", in Council District 7; the ordinance waives the requirements of Section 745.105 (I) (2), Ordinance Code, regarding persons who streets may be named after; it waives the requirements of Section 745.105 (G), Ordinance Code, regarding abbreviations in proposed street names; directs Legislative Services to forward ordinance to the Planning Department.

Background Information: The ordinance renames a portion of 1st Street West, in Council District 7, to "Reverend Henry T. Rhim Blvd." The name change honors the Reverend Henry T. Rhim, pastor of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church for forty years. Reverend Rhim has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his role in the development and growth of his church and civic leadership in the community. As a pastor, Reverend Rhim created over 40 ministries in his church, including Big Sisters/Big Brothers Ministry, the Computer Ministry, the Education Ministry and the Social Justice Ministry. To inspire the community, Reverend Rhim created the Radio Ministry known as "Let the Bible Speak," first broadcast in 1970. Within the church, Reverend Rhim served 10 consecutive terms a president of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida; he has held leadership positions in the National Baptist Convention of America and the Congress of Black Churches. Reverend Rhim is an active member of the Jacksonville NAACP and the Jacksonville Urban League; was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to the Governor's Task Force on the Black Family in 1986. The Florida Seminary at Lakeland Florida awarded Reverend Rhim with an honorary doctorate of divinity degree.

Policy Impact: Renaming Street/Planning & Development Department

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Jackson