

1 Introduced by Council Members Ferraro, Cumber and Boylan and Co-
2 Sponsored by Council Members Salem, Becton, Clark-Murray, White,
3 Bowman and Freeman and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community
4 Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:
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7 **ORDINANCE 2023-207-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
9 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;
10 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND
11 ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR WALTER W.
12 FLOWERS, A FALLEN FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER WHO
13 DIED WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY; ESTABLISHING AN
14 HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON ATLANTIC BLVD. AT
15 THE CORNER OF SAN MARCO PLACE AND ATLANTIC BLVD.
16 AND EXTENDING EAST TO THE CORNER OF ATLANTIC
17 BLVD. AND BELOTE PLACE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 FOR
18 WALTER W. FLOWERS; PROVIDING FOR THE ROADSIDE
19 MARKERS FOR WALTER W. FLOWERS TO BE DEPICTED AS
20 CONTEMPLATED IN SECTION 745.105(J) (9) (B) ,
21 *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION
22 OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN
23 APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROADWAY
24 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5; WAIVER OF SECTION
25 745.105(I) (3) , *ORDINANCE CODE*, WHICH REQUIRES
26 THE HONOREE TO LIVE WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE
27 DESIGNATED ROADWAY FOR 10 YEARS; DIRECTING THE
28 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS
29 ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
30 DEPARTMENT FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND
31 COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

1 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES
2 AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)
5 submitted a request for an Honorary Street Name Designation to honor
6 Fire and Rescue Walter W. Flowers;(An email from the City of
7 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
8 **1)**; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Section 745.105(j)(9)(b), *Ordinance Code*, provides
10 for honorary designations for fallen fire and rescue officers who die
11 while in the Line of Duty; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on December 25, 1968, Firefighter Flowers died while
13 in the Line of Duty when he was thrown from Engine 13 after the fire
14 truck was struck by a Florida East Coast train at an Atlantic
15 Boulevard railroad crossing; and

16 **WHEREAS**, at the time of the accident, Engine 13 was en route
17 to a Southside fire, and Mr. Flowers was riding on the tailboard.
18 Three other firefighters were injured in the accident; and

19 **WHEREAS**, he was a firefighter for a short time before his
20 death; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency
22 Services honored Walter Flowers's name on the Memorial Wall at the
23 Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Ocala, Florida and at the
24 State Capitol (See attached **Exhibit 1)**; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
26 recognized the memory of Mr. Flowers on its Line of Duty Deaths
27 webpage; and

28 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105(j)(10), *Ordinance Code*,
29 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
30 on January 13, 2023, and on February 13, 2023, to 14 affected property
31 owners requesting that the affected property owners indicate their

1 written consent or objection to the proposed honorary street
2 designation. Copies of the January 13, 2023, and February 13, 2023,
3 letters are attached as **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**; and

4 **WHEREAS**, two affected property owners consented to the
5 proposed honorary street designation. Copies of the property owners'
6 written consents are attached as **Exhibit 4**; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the remaining 12 affected property owners failed to
8 respond to the January 13 and February 13 letters from the Planning
9 and Development Department; and

10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105(j)(10), *Ordinance Code*,
11 affected property owners who fail to respond within 60 days of the
12 City's first written notification shall be deemed to have consented
13 to the proposed honorary street designation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that Walter W. Flowers is worthy
15 and deserving of a form of recognition that the City of Jacksonville
16 and Walter W. Flowers' family, friends and colleagues can share and
17 celebrate in, to wit: the creation of an honorary street designation
18 and the installation of two appropriate honorary roadway markers on
19 Atlantic Blvd. in Council District 5; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1. Atlantic Blvd. to receive an honorary street**
22 **designation for Walter W. Flowers.** Atlantic Blvd. in Council District
23 5 starting from the corner of Atlantic Blvd. and San Marco Place
24 extending east to the corner of Atlantic Blvd. and Belote Place shall
25 hereby be designated as contemplated by Section 745.105, *Ordinance*
26 *Code*, for Walter W. Flowers. A map of the road designation is attached
27 hereto as **Exhibit 5**.

28 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Walter W. Flowers**
29 **to be depicted as authorized in Section 745.105(j)(9)(a)-(b),**
30 **Ordinance Code.** Two honorary roadside markers shall depict the
31 appropriate badge and/or emblem color for Walter W. Flowers as

1 contemplated in Section 745.105(j) (9) (a)-(b), *Ordinance Code*, to read
2 as follows:

3 **Fire and Rescue Officer**

4 **Walter W. Flowers**

5 **End of Watch**

6 **December 25, 1968**

7 **Section 3. Honorary Roadside Markers for Walter W. Flowers**
8 **to be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as contemplated by
9 Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, recognizing and honoring Walter W.
10 Flowers shall be placed in appropriate locations at the corner of San
11 Marco Place and Atlantic Blvd. and extending east to the corner of
12 Atlantic Blvd. and Belote Place.

13 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 745.105(i) (3), *Ordinance Code*.**
14 Section 745.105(i) (3), *Ordinance Code*, which requires that the
15 honoree live within 5 miles of the designated road for 10 years is
16 hereby waived because the honoree was assigned to work at Station 13
17 which is located on the designated roadway.

18 **Section 5. Directing Legislative Services to forward a copy**
19 **to the Planning and Development Department.** The Chief of Legislative
20 Services is requested to send a copy of this legislation, once
21 enacted, to the Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit,
22 for processing, implementation, and coordination with the Public
23 Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division and other affected
24 agencies and organizations.

25 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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