

Introduced by Council Member Peluso:

**ORDINANCE 2026-5**

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR CEDRIC BURRELL; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON 16TH STREET EAST EXTENDING BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND HUBBARD STREET IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 FOR CEDRIC BURRELL; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION 745.105(I)(2), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT THE HONOREE TO BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION 745.105(I)(3), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT THE HONOREE RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE STREET BEING DESIGNATED FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE, ONCE ENACTED, TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ADDRESSING DIVISIONS, FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE APPLICANT AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Cedric Burrell, born in the Parish of Clarendon,

1 Jamaica in 1960, passed away on June 5, 2024; and

2       **WHEREAS,** for more than 20 years, Mr. Burrell and his wife,  
3 Sydney Burrell, owned and operated Island Tropics restaurant located  
4 at 2527 North Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida; and

5       **WHEREAS,** Mr. Burrell, having migrated to the United States  
6 from the Caribbean in 1980, forged a long and successful business as  
7 the owner of an apartment building in Brooklyn, NY; and

8       **WHEREAS,** in 2000, Cedric Burrell re-located to Jacksonville,  
9 Florida to join his brother and opened an auto body repair shop; and

10       **WHEREAS,** four years later in 2004, Mr. Burrell and his wife  
11 purchased the building which houses the Island Tropics restaurant;  
12 and

13       **WHEREAS,** the Island Tropics Restaurant remains a local  
14 favorite for tasty Jamaican cuisine, and serves as a "love letter to  
15 the community" as described by Mr. Burrell's wife, Sydney; and

16       **WHEREAS,** Mr. Burrell dedicated numerous hours developing,  
17 planning and working to revitalize the neighborhood surrounding  
18 Island Tropics restaurant where he owned several rental properties  
19 and other businesses along the Main Street corridor; and

20       **WHEREAS,** Sydney Burrell submitted an Application for Honorary  
21 Street Name Designation and paid the required fee for the honorary  
22 marker and copies of the Application and the receipt of payment are  
23 attached hereto as **Exhibits 1** and **2**, respectively, and incorporated  
24 herein by this reference; and

25       **WHEREAS,** pursuant to subsection 745.105(j)(10), *Ordinance*  
26 *Code*, the Public Works Department mailed written notifications on  
27 September 19, 2025, and October 23, 2025, to 10 affected property  
28 owners requesting their written consent or objection to the proposed  
29 honorary street designation and copies of the first and second written  
30 notifications have been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services  
31 Division; and

1       **WHEREAS**, a list of the 10 affected addresses is attached hereto  
2 as **Exhibit 3**, and incorporated herein by this reference; and

3       **WHEREAS**, four affected property owners indicated their consent  
4 to the proposed honorary designation and copies of the written  
5 consents are attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, and incorporated herein  
6 by this reference; and

7       **WHEREAS**, one mailing was "returned to sender" and a copy of  
8 the returned envelope is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**, and  
9 incorporated herein by this reference; and

10       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsection 745.105(j)(10), *Ordinance*  
11 *Code*, the remaining 5 affected property owners are deemed to have  
12 consented to the proposed honorary designation due to their non-  
13 response to the written notifications; now therefore

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

15       **Section 1.       16th Street East Honorary Street Designation for**  
16 **"Cedric Burrell"**. 16th Street East extending from Main Street to  
17 Hubbard Street in Council District 7 is hereby designated as  
18 contemplated by Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, for "Cedric  
19 Burrell". A map of the honorary street name designation is attached  
20 hereto as **Exhibit 6**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

21       **Section 2.       Honorary Roadside Markers for "Cedric Burrell"**  
22 **to be Installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as contemplated by  
23 Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, recognizing "Cedric Burrell" shall  
24 be placed in appropriate locations on 16th Street East.

25       **Section 3.       Waiver of Subsection 745.105(i)(2), Ordinance**  
26 **Code.** Subsection 745.105(i)(2), *Ordinance Code*, requiring that the  
27 honoree to be deceased for at least five years is hereby waived  
28 because the City Council desires to provide long-overdue recognition  
29 for the contributions Mr. Burrell made to the Main Street community.

30       **Section 4.       Waiver of Subsection 745.105(i)(3), Ordinance**  
31 **Code.** Subsection 745.105(i)(3), *Ordinance Code*, requiring that the

1 honoree reside in the community within five miles of the designated  
2 street for at least ten years is hereby waived because Mr. Burrell  
3 owned and operated the Island Tropics restaurant for more than 20  
4 years and his legacy continues to impact the Main Street community.

5 **Section 5. Directive to Legislative Services Division.** The  
6 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to send a copy of  
7 this Ordinance, once enacted, to the Public Works Department,  
8 Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and coordination  
9 with the Traffic Engineering Division, the Applicant and other  
10 affected agencies and organizations.

11 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall  
12 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming  
13 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Cherry S. Pollock

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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