

1 Introduced by Council Member Newby and amended by the
2 Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2019-439-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING
7 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) *ORDINANCE CODE*;
8 TO CLARIFY THAT THE CORRECT SPELLING OF
9 "SPELLMAN ROAD" IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8
10 EXTENDING FROM BENEDICT ROAD ON THE NORTH TO
11 WEST 45TH STREET TO THE SOUTH SHOULD INCLUDE A
12 SINGLE "L"; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
13 SECTION 745.105 (D), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
14 PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW BY THE 911 EMERGENCY
15 ADDRESSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING A
16 COMPLIANCE TIME PERIOD TO REQUIRE THAT ALL
17 CITIZENS, PROPERTY OWNERS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND
18 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES UTILIZE THE CORRECT
19 SPELLING OF "SPELMAN ROAD" WITH A SINGLE "L"
20 ON ANY AND ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, RESIDENCE
21 ADDRESSES, STREET SIGNS, HIGHWAY MARKERS AND
22 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ON OR BEFORE
23 DECEMBER 31, 2020; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE
24 SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO
25 THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND
26 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
27 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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29 **WHEREAS**, there exists several Jacksonville streets in the
30 Royal Terrace neighborhood that are named in honor of nationally

1 known Historically Black Colleges and Universities in America which
2 are commonly referred to as "HBCUs"; and

3 **WHEREAS**, such streets are named in honor of Wilberforce
4 University located in Wilberforce, Ohio, Benedict College located
5 in Columbia, South Carolina, Xavier University located in New
6 Orleans, Louisiana, Tuskegee University in Alabama, Meharry College
7 in Tennessee and Spelman College located in Atlanta, Georgia as
8 well as many others HBCUs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, historic documents reveal that "Wilberforce Road" was
10 previously "Harvard Road," "Benedict Road" was previously
11 "Cambridge Road," "Spelman Road" was "Dixie Road" and "Xavier Road"
12 was previously named "Oxford Road"; and

13 **WHEREAS**, such documents included a Resolution adopted by the
14 Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, Florida wherein the
15 Duval Commissioners changed the name of "Dixie Road" to the new
16 street name of "Spelman Road" using a double "L"; (A copy of the
17 Resolution is attached as **Exhibit 1**); and

18 **WHEREAS**, a review of public resources reveals that Spelman
19 College is spelled with a single "L." Such vital information was
20 verified by a Spelman alumna who is a resident of Jacksonville, and
21 a local attorney; and

22 **WHEREAS**, notably, Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole, a Jacksonville
23 native and the granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln Lewis, was
24 appointed the first black female President of Spelman College in
25 1987; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the misspelling of "Spelman Road" in the 1952 Duval
27 County Resolution has, inadvertently, caused numerous
28 inconsistencies and confusion about the correct spelling of
29 "Spelman Road"; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Council seeks to clarify that the correct
31 spelling of "Spelman Road" should include a single "L"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on May 22, 2019, the Jacksonville Historic
2 Preservation Commission ("JHPC") voted to adopt the Staff Report
3 with a recommendation for approval to correct the spelling of
4 "Spelman Road" with a single "L". A copy of the JHPC agenda, Staff
5 Report, and the excerpt minutes of the May 22, 2019, public meeting
6 of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission are attached
7 hereto as **Exhibit 2**; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds it appropriate to clarify the
9 correct spelling of "Spelman Road" extending from Benedict Road on
10 the north to West 45th Street on the south with a single "L"; and

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

12 **Section 1. Spelman Road Correct Spelling Clarified.** The
13 correct spelling of the name of Spelman Road, extending from
14 Benedict Road on the north to West 45th Street on the south, is
15 hereby clarified by use of a single "L" by which name such street
16 shall be hereafter known and designated. A copy of the map of
17 Spelman Road is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 3**, labeled as
18 "Revised Exhibit 3, Rev Map, August 5, 2019 - TEU".

19 **Section 2. Waiver of Section 745.105(d), Ordinance Code,**
20 **Review by the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee.**

21 Section 745.105(d), Ordinance Code, requiring review of all
22 street name changes by the 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory
23 Committee is hereby waived as the Ordinance is not changing the
24 street name, but instead clarifies the correct spelling of "Spelman
25 Road".

26 **Section 3. Compliance Time Period to Occur on or before**
27 **December 31, 2020.** All citizens, property owners, business owners
28 and governmental entities shall utilize the correct spelling of
29 "Spelman Road" with a single "L" on any and all official documents,
30 residence addresses, street signs, highway markers and electronic
31 communication on or before December 31, 2020.

1 **Section 4. Legislative Services Division directed to**
2 **forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department and the**
3 **Public Works Department.** The Chief of Legislative Services is
4 directed to send a copy of this legislation once enacted to the
5 Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit, and the
6 Public Works Department for processing, implementation, and
7 coordination with 911 Emergency, Fire and Rescue Department, the
8 U.S. Postal Service, Google and other affected agencies and
9 organizations.

10 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry Shaw Pollock

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