

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-207

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Ferraro, Cumber and Boylan

Date of Introduction: March 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R, TEU

Date of Analysis: March 27, 2023

Type of Action: Honorary street designation

Bill Summary: This bill renames a portion of Atlantic Blvd. to receive an honorary street designation for Firefighter Walter W. Flowers. The bill authorizes the installation of two roadside markers, waives Section 745.105(i)(3), *Ordinance Code* which requires that an honoree live within 5 miles of the designated road for 10 years, and directs Legislative Services to forward a copy of the bill to the Planning and Development Department.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to honor the life of Fire and Rescue Walter W. Flowers. Mr. Flowers died tragically in the line of duty on December 25, 1968 when he was thrown from Engine 13 after the fire truck was struck by a Florida East Coast train at an Atlantic Boulevard railroad crossing while en route to a Southside fire. The Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services honored Walter Flowers's name on the Memorial Wall at the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Ocala, Florida and at the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), *Ordinance Code*, the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications on January 13, 2023, and on February 13, 2023, to 14 affected property owners and no objections were received.

The waiver is requested because although Mr. Flowers did not live within 5 miles of the designated road, Station 13 - the firehouse where he was stationed - is located on the designated roadway. The roadside markers will be placed in appropriate locations at the corner of San Marco Place and Atlantic Blvd. and extending east to the City-owned Right Of Way before the Atlantic Blvd. railroad crossing.

Policy Impact Area: Honorary street designation

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined cost for signage

Analyst: Hampsey