

Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Gaffney, Newby and Ferraro & amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2022-459-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS) ORDINANCE CODE; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR ERNEST GIBSON; ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON MINOSA COURT EXTENDING FROM 45TH STREET WEST TO A DEAD END IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 FOR ERNEST GIBSON; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 10; WAIVER OF SECTION 745.105 (I) (2) WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE HONOREE BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ernest Gibson's legacy began in 1929 the year of his birth, and that legacy continues to impact Jacksonville and beyond; and

WHEREAS, while attending Stanton High School in 1946, Mr. Gibson joined the United States Army, and was assigned to serve in another

country, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson eventually returned home to complete his high school education in the affectionate care of his aunt and uncle; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Ernest Gibson earned a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Education at Tuskegee Institute, now known as Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University, in 2007, inducted Mr. Gibson into the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame for competing in Track and Field while attending college in the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson was an active Tuskegee alumnus and consistently dedicated his time and effort participating in the "adopt-a-dorm" summer program literally using his own personal tools for making repairs to on-campus housing; and

WHEREAS, in June 1955, Ernest Gibson married Lois Glenda Davis who also attended Tuskegee. Their wedding was the first to be held at the new St. Paul AME Church on Myrtle Avenue, and their beautiful marriage lasted for 60 years until Mrs. Gibson passed in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson's strong desire for education led him to enroll at Florida A & M University where he earned several teaching certificates in multiple subject areas, and later earned a Master's Degree in Education at the Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Gibson worked in several administrative roles in various Jacksonville Schools, namely: Robert E. Lee Senior High, Southside Junior High School, Arlington Junior High School and Highlands Junior High School. He proudly served as the Wood Shop teacher, and a football coach at Douglas Anderson School; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, to honor his impactful legacy, Douglas Anderson School created the "Ernest Gibson Scholarship for Education" Fund. He was also recognized for his solid coaching and dedication by the African American Coaches, Game Officials and the Athletic

1 Association; and

2 **WHEREAS**, after retirement from a fulfilling career, Ernest
3 Gibson worked as a Truancy Officer for the Duval County Public School
4 District and part-time for GE Capital; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gibson participated in several civic organizations,
6 including but not limited to his beloved Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
7 Inc., the Tuskegee Alumni Association, the Johnson Branch YMCA Board
8 of Directors, a Connecting Link, Jacksonville Chapter of the Links,
9 Inc., a Mule, Jacksonville Chapter of the Moles, Inc., and a counselor
10 to many; and

11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ordinance Code,
12 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
13 on March 9, 2022, and on April 21, 2022, to affected property owners
14 requesting the owners to indicate their written consent or objection
15 to the proposed honorary street designation. A copy of the letters
16 are attached as **Exhibits 1 and 2**; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2022, an affected property owner indicated
18 their objection of the proposed honorary designation. A copy of the
19 written objection is attached as **Exhibit 3**; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2022, an affected property owner indicated
21 their consent of the proposed honorary designation. A copy of the
22 written consent is attached as **Exhibit 4**; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2022, and on July 27, 2022, additional
24 written notifications were sent to one of the affected property
25 owners; the initial letters for this property were inadvertently sent
26 to the former property owner while the latter notices were sent to
27 the correct property owner of the subject property. A copy of the
28 letters are attached as **Exhibits 7 and 8**; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the remaining affected property owners failed to
30 respond to the written notifications. Pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)
31 (10), Ordinance Code, such non-response shall be deemed as an

acceptance of the proposed honorary street designation; and

WHEREAS, a private donor has remitted funds to satisfy the cost for the honorary markers (See attached **Exhibit 5**); and

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

Section 1. Minosa Court to receive an honorary street designation for Ernest Gibson. "Minosa Court" extending from West 45th Street to a dead end in Council District 10, is hereby designated as contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, for Ernest Gibson. A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Ernest Gibson to be installed. Two honorary roadside markers, as contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, recognizing and honoring Ernest Gibson shall be placed in appropriate locations on Minosa Court.

Section 3. Waiver of Section 745.105 (i)(2), Ordinance Code. Section 745.105(i)(2) which requires that the honoree be deceased for at least five years is hereby waived to honor Mr. Gibson now for his contributions to the community as he was a prominent figure who dedicated his life serving others until his death in 2021.

Section 4. Directing Legislative Services Division to forward a copy to the Planning and Development Department. The Chief of Legislative Services is requested to send a copy of this legislation, once enacted, to the Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit, for processing, implementation, and coordination with the Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division and other affected agencies and organizations.

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

Form Approved:

 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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