

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-258

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: April 8, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: April 4, 2025

Type of Action: Street renaming

Bill Summary: This bill establishes an honorary street designation and associated roadway markers for Ruel Sam “Rock” Davis, a former NFL player for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The honorary street designation will apply to 45th Street, extending between Avenue B and Moncrief Road in Council District 10. The ordinance provides for the installation of two honorary roadway markers on the designated street. It directs the Legislative Services Division to forward a copy of the enacted ordinance to the Public Works Department, including Traffic Engineering and Addressing Divisions, for processing, implementation, and coordination with the applicant and other affected agencies and organizations.

Background Information: Ruel Sam “Rock” Davis was a Jacksonville native and a 13-season offensive guard for the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he earned four Super Bowl titles and served as team captain. He attended James Weldon Johnson and Northwestern High Schools and later graduated from Allen University with a degree in physical education. He remained active in the Jacksonville community and received several recognitions, including the Sam Davis Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund and induction into the Steelers Hall of Honor. The honorary marker application and required \$761.00 fee were submitted by Tonya R. Davis. Notice was sent to 82 affected property owners. Of those, 10 consented, 6 objected, 1 submitted a blank form and did not respond to follow-up, and 5 were returned to sender. Under Ordinance Code Sec. 745.105(j)(10), the 60 remaining non-respondents are deemed to have consented.

Policy Impact Area: Street renaming; honorary recognition

Fiscal Impact: The City will incur costs related to design and installation of the honorary markers. The applicant has paid the \$761.00 fee associated with the markers.

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