

1 Introduced by Council Member White:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-330**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 745 (ADDRESSING  
6 AND STREET NAMING REGULATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;  
7 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION AND  
8 ASSOCIATED ROADWAY MARKERS FOR ENGINEER MICHAEL  
9 L. FREELAND, A FALLEN FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER  
10 WHO DIED WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY; ESTABLISHING  
11 AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON AVIATION  
12 AVENUE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 12 FOR ENGINEER  
13 MICHAEL L. FREELAND; PROVIDING FOR THE ROADSIDE  
14 MARKERS FOR ENGINEER MICHAEL L. FREELAND BE  
15 DEPICTED AS CONTEMPLATED IN SECTION 745.105  
16 (J) (9) (B), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING FOR THE  
17 INSTALLATION OF TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO  
18 BE LOCATED IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE  
19 DESIGNATED ROADWAY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 12;  
20 WAIVER OF SECTION 745.105 (I) (2), *ORDINANCE*  
21 *CODE*, WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE HONOREE BE  
22 DECEASED FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS; WAIVER OF SECTION  
23 745.102 (I) (3), *ORDINANCE CODE*, WHICH REQUIRES  
24 THE HONOREE TO LIVE WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE  
25 DESIGNATED ROADWAY FOR 10 YEARS; DIRECTING THE  
26 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO FORWARD THIS  
27 ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
28 DEPARTMENT FOR PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND  
29 COORDINATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
30 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES  
31 AND ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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2       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)  
3 submitted a request for an Honorary Street Name Designation to honor  
4 Fire and Rescue Engineer Michael L. Freeland; (Correspondence from the  
5 Office of the Director/Fire Chief, City of Jacksonville Fire and  
6 Rescue Department is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**); and

7       **WHEREAS**, Section 745.105 (j) (9) (b), *Ordinance Code*, provides for  
8 honorary designations for fallen fire and rescue officers who die  
9 while in the Line of Duty; and

10       **WHEREAS**, Engineer Freeland died while in the Line of Duty while  
11 attempting to disentangle a patient from a heavily damaged truck  
12 impaled by a power pole. Freeland collapsed at the scene of the  
13 incident, and ultimately, was declared deceased; and

14       **WHEREAS**, for 6 years, Engineer Freeland worked as a part of the  
15 Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Unit (ARFF,) and was assigned to Fire  
16 Station 73; and

17       **WHEREAS**, Engineer Freeland participated, with fierce dedication,  
18 in the COVID testing and vaccination effort during the Pandemic; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency  
20 Services will honor Engineer Freeland's name on the Memorial Wall at  
21 the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Ocala, Florida, and at the  
22 State Capitol; (See attached **Exhibit 1**); and

23       **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department  
24 recognized the memory of Engineer Freeland which included a "Ring  
25 of the Bell" ceremony, a "Last Guard" ritual, presentation of a Fallen  
26 Firefighter Memorial Flag and a medallion; and

27       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j) (10), *Ordinance Code*,  
28 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications  
29 on January 12, 2022, and on March 8, 2022, to affected property owners  
30 requesting that the affected property owners to indicate their written  
31 consent or objection to the proposed honorary street designation.

1 Copies of the January 12, 2022, and March 8, 2022, letters are  
2 attached as **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**; and

3 **WHEREAS**, because no property owners responded to the  
4 notifications from the Planning and Development Department, the  
5 property owners are deemed to have consented to the proposed honorary  
6 street designation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the accomplishments of Engineer  
8 Michael L. Freeland are worthy and deserving of a form of recognition  
9 that the City of Jacksonville and Engineer Michael L. Freeland's  
10 family, friends and colleagues can share and celebrate in, to wit:  
11 the creation of an honorary street designation and the installation  
12 of two appropriate honorary roadway markers on Aviation Avenue in  
13 Council District 12; now therefore,

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

15 **Section 1. Aviation Avenue to receive an honorary street**  
16 **designation for Engineer Michael L. Freeland.** Aviation Avenue in  
17 Council District 12 shall hereby be designated as contemplated by  
18 Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, for Engineer Michael L. Freeland. A  
19 map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

20 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for Engineer Michael**  
21 **L. Freeland to be depicted as authorized in Section 745.105 (j) (9)**  
22 **(a)-(b), Ordinance Code.** Two honorary roadside markers shall depict  
23 the appropriate badge and/or emblem color for Engineer Michael L.  
24 Freeland as contemplated in Section 745.105 (j) (9) (a)-(b), *Ordinance*  
25 *Code*, to read as follows:

26 **Fire and Rescue Officer**

27 **Engineer Michael L. Freeland**

28 **End of Watch**

29 **November 11, 2021**

30 **Section 3. Honorary Roadside Markers for Engineer Michael**  
31 **L. Freeland to be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as

1 contemplated by Section 745.105, *Ordinance Code*, recognizing and  
2 honoring Engineer Michael L. Freeland shall be placed in appropriate  
3 locations at the intersection of Aviation Avenue and Lake Fretwell  
4 Street extending to Crossover Street in front of Fire Station 73 in  
5 Jacksonville.

6 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 745.105(i)(2), *Ordinance Code*.**

7 Section 745.105(i)(2), *Ordinance Code*, which requires that the  
8 honoree be deceased for a least five years is hereby waived due to  
9 the fact that the honoree died while in the Line of Duty.

10 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 745.105(i)(3), *Ordinance Code*.**

11 Section 745.105(i)(3), *Ordinance Code*, which requires that the  
12 honoree live within 5 miles of the designated road for 10 years is  
13 hereby waived because the honoree was assigned to work at Station 73  
14 which is located on the designated roadway.

15 **Section 6. Directing Legislative Services to forward a copy**  
16 **to the Planning and Development Department.** The Chief of Legislative  
17 Services is requested to send a copy of this legislation, once  
18 enacted, to the Planning and Development Department, Addressing Unit,  
19 for processing, implementation, and coordination with the Public  
20 Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division and other affected  
21 agencies and organizations.

22 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Cherry S. Pollock          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry S. Pollock

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