

Introduced by Council member Priestly Jackson:

ORDINANCE 2022-459

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;

1 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, after retirement from a fulfilling career, Ernest
31 Gibson worked as a Truancy Officer for the Duval County Public School

District and part-time for GE Capital; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the remaining affected property owners failed to respond to the written notifications. Pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ordinance Code, such non-response shall be deemed as an acceptance of the proposed honorary street designation; 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.

1 A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

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

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

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

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

21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/Cherry Shaw Pollock

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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