

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

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6 **ORDINANCE 2022-459-E**

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

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

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

1 country, Japan; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28       **WHEREAS**, in 2019, to honor his impactful legacy, Douglas  
29 Anderson School created the "Ernest Gibson Scholarship for Education"  
30 Fund. He was also recognized for his solid coaching and dedication  
31 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

1 acceptance of the proposed honorary street designation; and

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

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

5 **Section 1. Minosa Court to receive an honorary street**  
6 **designation for Ernest Gibson.** "Minosa Court" extending from West  
7 45th Street to a dead end in Council District 10, is hereby designated  
8 as contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, for Ernest Gibson.  
9 A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

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

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

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

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

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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