

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-861

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson, co-sponsored by Council Members Peluso and Pittman

Date of Introduction: December 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R, TEU

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2023

Type of Action: Re-naming a portion of a street; waiver of the Ordinance Code to allow for the re-naming; directing of the Legislative Services Division to forward this re-naming to the Planning and Development Department for processing and completion

Bill Summary: This bill re-names a portion of Church Street West in District 7, extending from Jefferson Street North to a dead end behind LaVilla School of the Arts, as "Ray Charles Place." It waives the section of the Ordinance Code requiring that a person after whom a street is re-named have lived within five miles of the street for at least ten years and also waives the section of the Ordinance Code that requires that all street name changes be for the entire length of the street. It instructs the Legislative Services Department to forward this ordinance to the Planning and Development Department for processing, implementation, and coordination with the Public Works Department.

Background Information: Ray Charles, Grammy Award-winning musician responsible for signature hits such as "Georgia on My Mind," "Hit the Road Jack," and "I Can't Stop Loving You," lived on this portion of Church Street West during his teenage years, developing a reputation for his musical talents while performing at the Ritz Theater in LaVilla.

The Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications on September 14, 2023, and October 17, 2023, to the affected property owner, and the affected property owner is deemed to have consented to the proposed honorary designation due to their non-response.

The 911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the street name request on September 6, 2023, and the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Committee reviewed and approved it on September 27, 2023.

Policy Impact Area: Street re-naming

Fiscal Impact: Minimal cost for new signage

Analyst: Webb