

1 Introduced by Council Member Clark-Murray:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-556**

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 ERMA LEE COLE;
9 ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION ON
10 BROADWAY AVENUE EXTENDING BETWEEN BAKER AVENUE
11 AND ROBINSON AVENUE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 FOR
12 ERMA LEE COLE; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
13 TWO HONORARY ROADWAY MARKERS TO BE LOCATED IN
14 APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ON THE DESIGNATED ROAD IN
15 COUNCIL DISTRICT 9; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF
16 SUBSECTION 745.105 (I) (2), *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT
17 THE HONOREE BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS;
18 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO
19 FORWARD THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND
20 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSING DIVISION FOR
21 PROCESSING, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION
22 WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC
23 ENGINEERING AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES AND
24 ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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26 **WHEREAS**, Erma Lee Cole, having lived in the same home in
27 Jacksonville since her birth, passed away in 2023; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Erma Lee Cole was a proud graduate of Old Stanton High
29 School and the former Beaumont School of Nursing; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cole volunteered, without end, in the Jacksonville
31 community namely being the catalyst for construction of an overpass

1 at the Coastline Railroad which intersects Broadway and McQuade
2 Streets; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the overpass was extremely important in the community
4 because it provided a safe route for children walking to and from
5 school; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in the early 1970's, Erma Lee Cole help create "Health
7 Happening" programs which provided free medical services to thousands
8 of residents in the community; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the "Health Happening" medical programs provided eye
10 screening, tuberculosis screening, blood pressure and diabetes
11 testing; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma Lee Cole was steadfast in obtaining a grant
13 in 1998 which assisted with applying new paint to the homes of elderly
14 homeowners; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cole also provided transportation to residents for
16 medical appointments, Social Security, community cleanups and
17 "National Night Out"; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cole ensured the safety of the community by
19 requesting the installation of 120 streetlights in Jacksonville which
20 also included vision meetings; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cole received several awards: 1999 Mayor's Senior
22 Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998 Good Neighbor Award, 1998 Volunteer
23 of the Year Award from the Boys and Girls Club and the 1999 Brighten
24 Our Neighborhood award; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Erma Lee Cole also volunteered as a member of numerous
26 civic organizations including the President of the Robinson's
27 Addition Neighborhood Association, Block Captain, Legal Aid,
28 Neighborhood Leadership Council, Greater Jacksonville Economic
29 Organization, Council on Elder Affairs, Northwest CPAC, Sheriff's
30 Advisory Council, Women's Health Initiative, Jacksonville Housing
31 Partnership, National Welfare Rights Organization and the Weed and

1 Seed program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Erma Lee Cole was active in her church, Ephesus Seventh
3 Day Adventist Church. There, she held several office positions, served
4 on the Missing Members Committee, Home and Leader, Assistant to the
5 Women's Ministry Leader, New Sanctuary Choir, True 'N' Hearts Club
6 and the Jaye Chalameers musical group; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cole donated several computers to Ephesus Junior
8 Academy computer lab in memory of her deceased son. She also donated
9 microphones for the church choir; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the applicant submitted an Application and the required
11 fee for the honorary marker. A copy of the application and the payment
12 invoice are attached, respectively, as **Exhibits 1** and **2**; and

13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ordinance Code,
14 the Planning and Development Department mailed written notifications
15 on April 15, 2024, and on May 15, 2024, to nineteen (19) affected
16 property owners requesting their written consent or objection to the
17 proposed honorary street designation. A copy of the first and second
18 written notifications and a complete listing of the 19 total affected
19 addresses are attached, respectively, as **Exhibits 3, 4** and **5**; and

20 **WHEREAS**, one (1) property owner returned the form as blank. A
21 copy of the blank form is attached as **Exhibit 6**; and

22 **WHEREAS**, three (3) mailings were "returned to sender." A copy
23 of the "returned to sender" forms are attached as **Exhibit 7**; and

24 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 745.105 (j)(10), Ord. Code, the
25 remaining 15 affected property owners are deemed to have consented
26 to the proposed honorary designations due to their non-response to
27 the written notifications; and

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

29 **Section 1. Broadway Avenue to receive an honorary street**
30 **designation for "Erma Lee Cole"** extending from Baker Avenue to
31 Robinson Avenue in Council District 9, is hereby designated as

1 contemplated by Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, for "Erma Lee Cole"
2 A map of the road designation is attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**.

3 **Section 2. Honorary Roadside Markers for "Erma Lee Cole" to**
4 **be installed.** Two honorary roadside markers, as contemplated by
5 Section 745.105, Ordinance Code, recognizing "Erma Lee Cole" shall
6 be placed in appropriate locations on Broadway Avenue.

7 **Section 3. Waiver of Subsection 745.105(i)(2), Ordinance**
8 **Code.** Subsection 745.105(i)(2), *Ordinance Code*, requiring that the
9 honoree be deceased for at least five years is hereby waived because
10 the Council desires to recognize the extensive accomplishments and
11 contributions that Erma Lee Cole made to the city of Jacksonville and
12 within a more timely manner after her passing.

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

21 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
22 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
23 effective without the Mayor's signature.

24 Form Approved:

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26 /c/Cherry Shaw Pollock

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared by: Cherry S. Pollock

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