



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance providing the honorary street name designation of “Rev. Elton Lee Waller Blvd” for a portion of 2nd Ave S.

WHEREAS, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church has been a beacon of light in South Nashville for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Elton Lee Waller pastored Shiloh for 36 years and left a legacy that has inspired the South Nashville neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Waller made an impact on his church and the surrounding neighborhood, making various improvements to the church building, creating out-reach programs to feed the hungry, appointing the first women to leadership positions in the church, as well as starting programs to help children within the church and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Waller made an indelible mark on Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and the Nashville community before his death on October 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Pastor Waller’s contribution to the Nashville community, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council provide an honorary street name designation of “Rev. Elton Lee Waller Blvd” for a portion of 2nd Ave S; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.08 of the Metropolitan Code provides for the designation of honorary street names and signs without amending the Official Street and Alley Acceptance and Maintenance Map for The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, and without requiring residents and businesses to change their address.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That 2nd Ave S between Chestnut Street and Lafayette Street is hereby designated with the honorary street name of “Rev. Elton Lee Waller Blvd”.

Section 2. This honorary street designation shall not require residents located on 2nd Ave S to change their street address.

Section 3. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed, upon the enactment and approval of this Ordinance, to install the appropriate signage designating this section of roadway as “Rev. Elton Lee Waller Blvd” in accordance with § 13.08.025 of the Metropolitan Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance adds the honorary designation of “Rev. Elton Lee Waller Blvd” for a portion of 2nd Ave S between Chestnut Street and Lafayette Street. Reverend Waller, who passed away on October 2, 2017, pastored Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church located in South Nashville for 36 years.

Section 13.08.025 of the Metro Code provides a procedure for the designation of honorary street signs whereby the Council, by ordinance, can authorize and direct the Department of Public Works to install two honorary street signs per street - at each end of a street - beneath the official street name sign for any street identified on the official Street and Alley Centerline Layer map. No honorary street sign can be installed honoring a living person; and each member of council can sponsor only one such ordinance each calendar year. This ordinance does not officially re-name the designated street. Therefore, there would be no change of official address for properties along this portion of 2nd Ave S.