

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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To: Metropolitan Council
From: Metropolitan Historical Commission, Staff
Date: July 28, 2023
Re: BL2023-2113

An ordinance to amend the Geographic Information Systems Street and Alley Centerline Layer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by renaming J.B. Estille Drive, between Lebanon Pike and Old Lebanon Pike, to “Donelson Station Boulevard.” (Proposal Number 2023M-001SR-001).

J.B. Estille Drive was created in 2003 when John Barker, owner of Parcel 8 on Tax Map 96-1, donated a portion of his property (0.527 acres) to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for use as a public right of way (Fig.1). At the time, Barker was the long-time dealership owner of Two Rivers Ford, Inc., located nearby on Lebanon Road. Metropolitan Council authorized the acceptance of this donation by passing BL2003-1427 at third Reading on June 10, 2003. Mayor Bill Purcell approved the ordinance on June 11, 2003.

The Warranty Deed transferring the property from John Barker and wife Margaret P. Barker to the Metropolitan Government was recorded with the Register’s Office of Davidson County on July 31, 2003. A copy of the deed, Instrument 20030731-0108587, is filed with BL2003-1427.

A few months later, Metropolitan Department of Public Works accepted J.B. Estille Drive and added it to the official map. Metropolitan Council passed BL2003-63, an ordinance adopting the Official Street and Alley Acceptance and Maintenance Map, at third Reading on December 16, 2003; Mayor Bill Purell approved the legislation on December 18, 2003.

In 2004, the new J.B. Estille Drive, measuring 310 feet in length, was classified as a “1” public road (classifications determined by Metro Public Works) and confirmed by BL2004-185, an ordinance to classify public roads in Davidson County, Tennessee. Metropolitan Council passed the ordinance at third Reading on May 18, 2004, and Mayor Bill Purcell approved the ordinance on May 19, 2004.

Reportedly, John Barker, property donor, was granted the opportunity to name the new public road. The name J.B. Estille Drive was derived from Barker's first and last name initials – J. B. – combined with his grandfather's name – Estille.¹



Figure 1: Parcel map showing location of J.B. Estille Drive. Exhibit for 2023M-001SR-001.
Source: Metropolitan Planning Department.

¹ Syracuse, Jeff. Email to Robin Zeigler et al. 13 February 2023.