

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance authorizing the renaming of South Street to “King Hollands Avenue”. (Proposal Number 2025M-003SR-001).

WHEREAS, applicant Council Member At Large Zulfat Suara has requested that South Street be renamed to “King Hollands Avenue”; and,

WHEREAS, King Hollands was a leader and participant in the Nashville Student Movement, an organization that challenged racial segregation in Nashville; and,

WHEREAS, as an active community leader, Mr. Hollands helped found and lead the Nashville Civil Rights Veterans Association to preserve the historical legacy of the Nashville Student Movement; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollands sought to preserve African American history in Nashville and worked to protect and care for the Edgehill neighborhood where he grew up; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed request to rename South Street and a short biography for King Hollands has been submitted to and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and other relevant agencies of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, in accordance with Metropolitan Code § 13.08.015.

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

Section 1. That the Geographic Information Systems Street and Alley Centerline Layer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, be and is hereby amended, as follows:

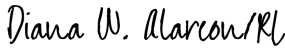
South Street, from 8th Avenue South to Music Square West, shall be named “King Hollands Avenue”, as depicted on the maps attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Director of the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure be and hereby is authorized and directed, upon the enactment and approval of this ordinance, to cause said change to be made on said map as set out in Section 1 of this ordinance, and to make notation thereon of reference to the date of passage and approval of this amendatory ordinance.

Section 3. Amendments to this legislation may be approved by resolution.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

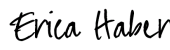
RECOMMENDED BY:

Signed by:


Diana W. Alarcon, Director
Nashville Department of Transportation
and Multimodal Infrastructure

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

Member(s) of Council

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Map 93-13
Council District 17

Nashville / Davidson County Parcel Viewer



King Madison Hollands

King Madison Hollands was born in Nashville on November 29, 1941. Mr. Hollands became a leader and participant in the Nashville Student Movement, challenging racial segregation in Nashville.

Mr. Hollands was one of the first fourteen Black students to integrate Father Ryan High School in the fall of 1954. He later studied physics at Fisk University, where he met civil rights leaders such as the Rev. James Lawson, Diane Nash, Rep. John Lewis, and Bernard Lafayette. Mr. Hollands was trained in nonviolent protest at the famous Highlander Folk School in Monteagle. While participating in the Nashville Student Movement, he was arrested and jailed for two weeks for participating in a lunch counter sit-in at Woolworth's Department Store in February 1960. Mr. Hollands continued to be an active community leader, helping to found and lead the Nashville Civil Rights Veterans Association to preserve the historical legacy of the Nashville Movement.

Mr. Hollands also sought to preserve African American history in Nashville and vigorously worked to protect and care for the Edgehill neighborhood where he grew up. He was also a presiding officer for Organized Neighbors of Edgehill, whose goal was to provide scholarships, housing and address community needs that made it a safe place to live and work. He also served as a commissioner on the Metro Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Hollands passed away on December 17, 2023, and will be remembered as a civil rights icon who continuously labored to make Nashville and Davidson County a better place to live for all.