



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance providing the honorary street name designation of “Billy Sherrill Way” for a portion of 18th Ave S.

WHEREAS, Billy Sherrill was born November 5, 1936 in Phil Campbell, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Sherrill was a legendary producer on Music Row from the late 1960s to the early 1980s, discovering and making a star out of Tammy Wynette, and reviving the career of George Jones; and

WHEREAS, as Columbia/Epic Vice-President and Executive Producer, he also produced Charlie Rich, David Houston, Tanya Tucker, Barbara Mandrell, Janie Fricke, Johnny Paycheck, Johnny Duncan, Lacy J. Dalton, Barbara Fairchild, Johnny Rodriguez, Andy Williams, Bobby Vinton, Elvis Costello, Marty Robbins, David Allen Coe, Emmy Lou Harris, Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, The Staple Singers, Andy Griffith and Jim Nabors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a producer, he was a musician and arranger. He also co-wrote many of the hits he produced including “Stand by Your Man” and “The Most Beautiful Girl”; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Sherrill’s many contributions to Nashville, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council provide an honorary street name designation of “Billy Sherrill Way” for a portion of 18th 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 18th Ave S between Edgehill Ave and Grand Ave is hereby designated with the honorary street name of “Billy Sherrill Way”.

Section 2. This honorary street designation shall not require residents located on 18 Ave S to change their street address.

Section 3. The Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure is hereby authorized and directed, upon the enactment and approval of this Ordinance, to install the appropriate signage designating this section of roadway as “Billy Sherrill Way” 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 “Billy Sherrill Way” for a portion of 18th Ave S between Edgehill Ave and Grand Ave. Mr. Sherill, who passed away on August 4, 2015, was a legendary producer on

Music Row from the late 1960s to the early 1980s. He worked with stars including Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, and more.

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.