



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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An Ordinance providing the honorary street name designation of “David McMurry Way” for a portion of Woodruff Street.

WHEREAS, David McMurry was an important and active member of the Nashville community. He was known for his community service, which included work with nonprofits and business groups and even running for office; and

WHEREAS, he was a vocal LGBTQ activist and advocate, serving on the Board of Directors for the LGBT Chamber of Commerce and Nashville Pride. He had also recently joined the Steering Committee for the Human Rights Campaign Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurry was deeply engaged in the Madison community, serving as an Ambassador, a Board Member and President of the Madison Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce (MRACC) where he started the “Madison Mondays” networking group, as well as serving as the Madison Representative to the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Board of Directors, and serving as a member of the board of Historic Nashville; and winning the title of “Best Neighbor” three years in a row in the MRACC “Best of” awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurry also proudly served the City of Nashville through his appointment to the Convention Center Authority in 2016, and was then reappointed in 2018; and

WHEREAS, David McMurry left a significant impact on Nashville, and his presence in Music City is deeply missed. He was an important person in Madison, the LGBTQ community, and Nashville as a whole; 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 Woodruff Street between Gallatin Pike and Madison Station Boulevard is hereby designated with the honorary street name of “David McMurry Way”.

Section 2. This honorary street designation shall not require residents located on Woodruff Street 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 “David McMurry 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 “David McMurry Way” for a portion of Woodruff Street between Gallatin Pike and Madison Station Boulevard. Mr. McMurry was an active member of the Nashville community known for his community service, activism, and advocacy. He was especially active in the Madison community and was also a vocal LGBTQ activist and advocate.

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 Woodruff Street.