

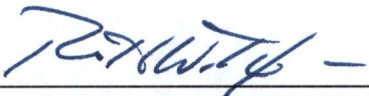


**To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia**

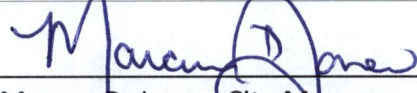
October 14, 2014

From: Richard Broad, Acting Director of Public Works

Subject: Special street name designation of a portion of May Avenue as Reginald D. Walker, Sr. Avenue.

Reviewed: 
Ronald H. Williams Jr., Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward: 3/7

Approved: 
Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

Item Number: **R-39**

I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Ordinance

II. **Applicant:** Marching Booker Alumni Band
1000-1100 May Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

III. **Description**
This agenda item is a special street name designation ordinance of a portion of May Avenue as Reginald D. Walker, Sr. Avenue for the purpose honoring Reginald D. Walker, Sr., Booker T. Washington High School's Marching Band Director from 1962 through 1989.

IV. **Analysis**
Mr. Walker received numerous awards in recognition of his service to others, including awards from Center Stage, Inc., Norfolk Public School Board, Booker T. Washington High School, Queen Street Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, the Elementary Resources Teachers Association, the God's Creation Choir and the Marching Booker Alumni Band.

V. **Financial Impact**
There is no financial impact to the city associated with authorizing this special street name designation of a portion of May Avenue as Reginald D. Walker, Sr. Avenue.

VI. Environmental
N/A

VII. Community Outreach/Notification
Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

VIII. Board/Commission Action
The Department of Public Works and the City Attorney's Office have reviewed this request for special street name designation and offer no objections.


IX. Coordination/Outreach
This letter has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

Supporting Material from the Department of Public Works:

- Ordinance
- Exhibit A – Map of street designation

8/26/14mr

Form and Correctness Approved: 

By 
Office of the City Attorney

 Contents Approved:

By 
DEPT. Public Works

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PORTION OF MAY
AVENUE AS REGINALD D. WALKER, SR. AVENUE.

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WHEREAS, Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr., attended Booker T. Washington Middle School and Booker T. Washington High School. He later attended Florida A&M University (where he was one of the "Marching 100") and Savannah State College, where he completed double majors in Music Education and English. He Attended Hampton Institute and later received his Master's degree from Columbia University. He continued his music education at Vandercook School of Music, Catholic University, Hampton University, Norfolk State University and Peabody Conservatory of Music; and

WHEREAS, Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr. served as Choir Director for Ruffner Junior High School; and, from 1962 to 1989, he was the band director for Booker T. Washington High School, Music Instructor of St. Helena's Elementary School, Roberts Park Elementary School, Tidewater Park Elementary School, and James Monroe Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr. was a member of the Dukes of Rhythm, Bobbie Robinson Orchestra, Haywood Night

and the Swing Masters, the National Educator's Association, American Band Director's Association, Virginia Music Educator's Association, Tidewater Area Musician's Association, Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association, Music Educators National Association, Musician's Education Conference, American Federation of Musicians, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr. was an organist for several Norfolk churches, including the Queen Street Baptist Church, Jerusalem Baptist Church, and Bethel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr. received numerous awards in recognition of his service to others, including awards from the Center Stage, Inc., Norfolk Public School Board, Queen Street Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Booker T. Washington High School, the Elementary Resources Teachers Association, the God's Creation Choir, the Marching Booker Alumni Band, and on May 12, 1986, the City of Norfolk proclaimed Reginald DeSoto Walker, Sr. Day; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the portion of May Avenue from E. Virginia Beach Boulevard to E. Princess Anne Road is hereby designated as Reginald D. Walker, Sr. Avenue. (See Exhibit A, attached hereto.)

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

