



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250907

Submitted Department/Preparer: Please Select

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Designating the honorary street name of Lawrence A. Jones for a portion of Woodland Avenue from the north line of East Linwood Boulevard to the south line of East 31st Street.

Discussion

Consideration of Nominee from Applicant:

"Lawrence A. Jones was a pioneering funeral director, community leader, and dedicated servant of Kansas City, Missouri. As the founder of Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels, he established a trusted institution that has faithfully served families in the community for generations. His work extended beyond providing funeral services – he built a legacy of compassion, dignity, and care that continues to guide the family business today.

Mr. Jones devoted his life to uplifting others, providing comfort in times of loss, and offering opportunities for community growth. Through his vision and leadership, he created one of Kansas City's most respected African-American-owned businesses, leaving a lasting mark on both the local economy and the cultural fabric of the city.

His contributions extended far beyond his professional calling. Mr. Jones was deeply engaged in civic life, supporting neighborhood initiatives, mentoring young people, and modeling a standard of integrity and service. His commitment to family, faith, and community touched countless lives and continues to inspire future generations.

The dedication of an honorary street in his name would be a fitting tribute to a man whose life's work was centered on service, compassion, and community pride. Lawrence A. Jones, Sr's legacy endures not only through his family and business but also through the lasting impact he made on Kansas City."

The Street Naming Committee unanimously voted for approval on September 4, 2025.

No public testimony at the time of this docket memo has been submitted.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?
The costs of fabrication and installation of the honorary signs as well as all future maintenance and replacement of the signs will be the responsibility of the nominating person or group.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
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4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
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5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
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Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This ordinance has no fiscal impact as the expenses will not be paid by the city.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Inclusive Growth and Development (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☐ Align the City's economic development strategies with the objectives of the City Council to ensure attention on areas traditionally underserved by economic development and redevelopment efforts.
 - ☐ Ensure quality, lasting development of new growth.
 - ☐ Increase and support local workforce development and minority, women, and locally owned businesses.
 - ☒ Create a solutions-oriented culture to foster a more welcoming business environment.
 - ☐ Leverage existing institutional assets to maintain and grow Kansas City's position as an economic hub in the Central United States.
 - ☐

Prior Legislation

There is no prior legislation that pertains to this honorary street name.

Service Level Impacts

There are no service level impacts pertaining to the approval of this honorary street naming.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

Not applicable as this is an ordinance for a honorary street name.

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)