



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260497

Submitted Department/Preparer: City Planning

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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 "Willie T. Bland Way" for a portion of East 29th Street from the east line of Bales Avenue to the west line of Indiana Avenue.

Discussion

Consideration of Nominee from Applicant:

"Willie T. Bland is a native of Arkansas and a retired Automotive Inspector worker for (30) years; has been pastoring the Rescue Baptist Church of Jesus Christ for 50 years. He is a visionary and was instrumental in building a new edifice in 1995 after retirement; adjacent to other properties purchased that was once used for a junk yard for antiques. He is a consummate role model; and set a fine example for others to emulate.

Through his many years of commitment, he has enriched the lives of countless others and served as an example of faith, source of inspiration and a pillar of strength in the community with a focus on youth involvement.

For 50 years, Rescue Baptist Church has stood as a safe haven, a shelter from the storm; seeking to serve lost; the homeless, hungry, hurting and hopeless; reaching up; reaching out; and reaching within. Pastor Bland served as a Father in the Ministry providing spiritual grounding, compassion, and pastoral support to all in need with without reservation. Many times lending a helping hand out of pocket to get a room for one who has no where to shelter; or a struggling family with children who furnace has gone out in the midst of winter. Many times providing financial help to families who have lost loved ones with no insurance for burial.

Pastor Bland has a deep sense of resilience fueling his commitments to serve others and understanding the challenges faced by underserved communities. As a pastor, he represents the hope and drive found in individual who seek to overcome

obstacles and uplift those around them; which makes him a great candidate of the "Honorary Sign".

The Street Naming Committee unanimously voted for approval on April 16, 2026. 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?
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.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
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.
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.

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):
 - ☐ Develop strategies focusing on areas traditionally underserved by economic development and redevelopment efforts.
 - ☐ Ensure quality, lasting development throughout the City; and continuing to grow the economy and the population of Kansas City in all areas.
 - ☐ Increase and support local workforce development and small and locally owned businesses.
 - ☒ Create a more efficient, solutions-oriented environment, making it easier to operate within the City.
 - ☐ Implement an economic development and tourism strategy to attract major investment and visitors.
 - ☐

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.

Staff Recommendation

City Planning and Development

Select One: ☒ Sponsored

☐ Directive: Res/Ord # [Click to enter Res/Ord. No.](#)

Select One: ☐ Recommend

- ☐ Do Not Recommend
☒ Not Applicable

Click or tap here to provide reasoning.

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 authorizing approval of a signage plan on private property.

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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 authorizing approval of a signage plan on private property.

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 authorizing approval of a signage plan on private property.

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
No(Press tab after selecting)