

* Need by September.

Honorary Street Designation Application

Columbus, Georgia

Name of Honoree: Rev. Benjamin F. McGruder, Jr.

Circle One: Living Deceased

Requestor: Lewis Memorial Baptist Church

Contact Information: Lillian Henderson 706-323-3050

Requested Sign Location: 1023 Adair Ave; Columbus GA 31906

Existing Street Name: Adair Ave

Before submitting this application, please read the code sections list below for information regarding the honorary designation guidelines and process as set in the Columbus Code of Ordinances.

COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: Chapter 2 – Administration

ARTICLE VII. - BOARD OF HONOR FOR DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS

Sec. 2-81. - Established; purpose.

(a) A board of honor for distinguished citizens is hereby established for the purpose of honoring citizens through a continuing memorial program in Columbus, Georgia, under which public activities, buildings, bridges and other facilities may be named for citizens who distinguish themselves through service to the city.

(b) With respect to the naming of city streets, all proposals to rename an existing street or any segment thereof in honor or memory of any person living or dead, shall be referred to the board of honor for notice, inquiry and deliberation consistent with the manner in which it conducts its other duties pursuant to this article. After inquiry and deliberation, the board shall make a recommendation to the Columbus Council for honorary designation by resolution, official street naming by ordinance, or denial of the request. Provided, however, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the naming of new streets pursuant to § 7.8.5 of the Unified Development Ordinance.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, city-owned facilities named in memory of a person pursuant to subsection (a) may be reviewed by the Board of Honor or the Columbus Council after the lapse of a 15-year period from the date of facility naming by the Columbus Council. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 1, 9-30-75; Ord. No. 11-57, § 1, 11-8-11; Ord. No. 12-19, § 1, 4-24-12)

Sec. 2-84. - Rules of proceedings; compensation of members.

The board may make their own rules of proceedings for their organization procedures consistent with the ordinances of Columbus and the State of Georgia. The members of the board shall serve without compensation. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 4, 9-30-75)

Sec. 2-85. - Memorialization criteria.

Memorialization criteria shall be as follows:

- (a) The board shall develop procedures for considering nominations of deceased citizens that have distinguished themselves by outstanding service to the community;

- (b) No memorialization motions will be made without the consent of the immediate family of the honoree and without public notice of the motion being considered by the board of honor. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 5, 9-30-75)

Sec. 2-86. - Consideration, etc., of nominations for memorial designation of public property and activities.

From time to time, this board shall consider, inquire, deliberate and decide upon all nominations for memorial designation of public property and activities, and will make their recommendation to the council within 30 days after their actions. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 6, 9-30-75)

COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: Chapter 7 – Project Design Standards

Section 7.8.5. - Street Names.

A. Approval of Street Names.

1. In no case shall the name for a proposed public or private street duplicate existing street names in Columbus, irrespective of the use of a suffix such as: street, avenue, boulevard, road, pike, drive, way, place, court or other derivatives.
2. All street names must be reviewed and approved through the Engineering Department prior to address assignments in order to prevent duplication or confusion with existing streets.
3. Proposed streets obviously in alignment with other existing and named streets shall bear the names of the existing streets.

COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: Chapter 18 – Streets and Sidewalks

Sec. 18-54. - [Honorary designating of streets or segments of streets.]

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the Columbus Council shall be authorized to designate by resolution existing streets or segments of existing streets in honor or memory of persons, living or deceased, upon recommendation of the Board of Honor for Distinguished Citizens pursuant to Columbus Code subsection 2-81(b). The board shall recommend an honorary designation by resolution, an official street name change by appropriate ordinance, or denial of the request. An honorary designation by resolution shall not change the numbering of buildings or official street addresses of the street or segment so designated. Upon such honorary designation, the traffic engineer shall be authorized to erect appropriate signage in a color distinguishable from standard street signage. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the naming of new streets pursuant to § 7.8.5 of the Unified Development Ordinance. All costs for such signage shall be paid by the applicant for the honorary designation. (Ord. No. 11-57, § 2, 11-8-11)

Please explain and provide the exact wording for requested signage.

Honoring the pastor for 30 years of
 service to the community and Lewis Memorial
 Baptist Church,
 Intersection(s): From ~~Adair Ave~~ To ~~Adair Court~~
 From Adair Court To MLK, JR. Blvd.
 From _____ To _____

Note: Please include information for all intersections associated with this request. Each intersection will require the placement of signage. Information will be confirmed with the Columbus Consolidated Government Engineering Department.

Criteria for Honorary Designation

Please complete the following questionnaire, which is used in the evaluation of each request for an honorary designation. Use additional paper if required.

1. Historical and/or cultural influence of the Honoree on the City of Columbus:

Pastor McGruder has been instrumental in providing a food pantry for the community to assist any in need, prior to partnering with the food bank to ensure greater assistance with weekly and monthly donations, food, clothing as well as back to school supplies to serve those within the community. Financial donations rental, mortgage, funeral, and utility assistance in the outreach efforts.

Outreach services include international donations to Haiti several donations of unperishable food items as well as clothing to serve those in nation of Uganda.

2. Provide proof of significant lineage or family ties to the City of Columbus:

Block party and fun days in parking area to include the entire community with food, games, music and fellowship. "We Are Diamonds" A twice a month girls program with speakers and workshops to teach girls how to treat themselves as Diamonds. Trips showing the importance of fun while learning how to live a Christian life to Wild Adventures, Six Flags and the Georgia Fair. Once a month the children were required to collect food, and distribute to the homeless. The pastor believes it is our obligation as a church to help others.

3. Establish clear geographical relationship of the street to the Honoree's area of interest:

Lewis Memorial Baptist church was founded in 1931 and has been at this location for the past 91 years. Pastor McGruder is approaching 30 years of service in a leadership role within this church who

encourages all to love one another, provide a helping hand to those in need and live a life of service.

4. Clearly define community or public contribution made by the Honoree:

Accolades from former Mayor Teresa Tomlinson, Congressman Sanford Bishop, State Representative Calvin Smyre, and former Democratic whip Cardyn Hughey for continued dedication to the assistance within the church as well as the surrounding community. Also, notes from various business and civic leaders with the community.

Signature of Applicant: Sullivan Johnson Henderson

Date: 7-13-2022

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at Mclmore.Lindsey@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 225-4013.

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: 07-13-2022

Date application was submitted to the Engineering Department to verify any conflicts with existing streets and the requested honorary street designation: 07-13-2022

Date response received from the Engineering Department: _____

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO _____

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date applicant was notified of cost: _____

Applicant agreed to cost: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: _____

Motion to submit to the Board of Honor: _____ No Action taken: _____

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: _____

Official action taken: _____

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution listed for adoption by Council: _____

Resolution No. _____

Date executed resolution and application forwarded to Engineering Department: _____

Completion date: _____

Additional Notes: _____
