

Honorary Designation Application For Street Columbus, Georgia

Name of Honoree: Adlena Austin Spencer

Requestor: Queen Scott

Contact Information: (Mobile) 706-887-7249

Requested Location: Gleason Avenue Columbus, Ga. 31907

Existing Street Name: Gleason Avenue

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, 11-811; 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, 9-3075)

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)

Is this request to change the name of an existing street, or to erect honorary signage on an existing street?
Please explain and provide the exact wording for requested naming and/or signage.

Yes, we are requesting for the existing street Gleason Ave to renamed in honor of Adlena Austin Spencer

NOTE: Contact was made with requester on 04/07/2022 to confirm an honorary designation is being requested and not a change to the existing street name. - LGM

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:

Adlena Austin Spencer, known to most as “Big Ma” has always had a heart for the community and those individuals who were less fortunate, with a special heart for the elderly by providing healthcare assistance now known as C.N.A Being born during 00.00.0.the critical time of racial conflicts, she was always ready to lend a helping hand in all areas but mainly feeding, clothing and housing those who were less fortunate, while still raising a family of 10 children born to her and her late husband Mody Spencer Sr. She never met a stranger

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

N/A

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

Adlena has lived on the requested street Gleason Avenue located in the subdivision East Urban Heights and currently holds the title of the Eldest Living resident currently living there

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

Adlena contributed greatly to the city and surrounded areas with providing assistance to several churches and organizations by supply food and clothing, as well as clothing and cleaning without pay. She also volunteered in the early 60's with Columbus Times Newspaper and NAACP

Signature of Applicant: *Sent via email Wednesday, 04/06/2022, 4:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at mclemore.lindsey@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: April 6, 2022

Date application was submitted to the Engineering Department to verify any conflicts with existing street and the requested honorary designation: April 7, 2022

Date response received from the Engineering Department: April 11, 2022

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO X

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: Two (2) Signs at 250 each for a total of \$500.00

Date applicant was notified of cost: April 11, 2022

Applicant agreed to cost: Yes

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: April 26, 2022

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 or ordinance listed for adoption by Council: _____

Resolution No. _____

Ordinance No. _____

Date executed resolution or ordinance and application forwarded to Engineering Department: _____

Completion date: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Adlena Austin Spencer was born on June 5, 1928, in Hatchechubbe, Alabama to Izora Austin and Theodore Taylor; She is the youngest of 6 children; and
- WHEREAS,** Adlena Austin Spencer currently is the oldest living person in the East Urban Heights subdivision and has been there for 49 years; She is known a "Big Mama"; and
- WHEREAS,** Adlena Austin Spencer attended Howard Chapel School in Russell County; She did mostly a domestic worker; and
- WHEREAS,** Adlena Austin Spencer is the mother of 10 children: Henry, Izora, Anna, Mody, Christine, Geraldine, William, Cora, Queen, and Anthony and has 21 grandchildren, 42 great-grand-children and 6 great-great-grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS,** The 93rd celebration of Adlena Austin Spencer will begin at 1:00 P.M with a parade starting at Canaan Baptist Church; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Columbus congratulates congratulate and celebrate Adlena Austin Spencer on this special occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 5, 2021, as

Adlena Austin Spencer Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of Columbus, Georgia to be affixed this fifth day of June 5, 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "B.H. Henderson III". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Mayor.

HONORABLE B.H. "SKIP" HENDERSON III

MAYOR
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA