

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGING THE NAME OF
“PARKGATE DRIVE” TO “DON WILDMON DRIVE”**

WHEREAS, Parkgate Drive is a well-known, well-traveled street within the city limits of Tupelo, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Don Wildmon was an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church and who held honorary doctorates from Asbury College and Wesley Biblical Seminary. He founded both the Lee Acres United Methodist Church and the “American Family Association” in 1977. Through AFA and “American Family Radio”, created in 1991, Mr. Wildmon developed a broad range of resources, strategies and media outlets aimed at promoting Christian values. In 2002, Mr. Wildmon created the “Arlington Group”, a coalition of leaders for the purpose of executing strategies in Washington to represent and protect conservative values. Mr. Wildmon has been honored with many awards and was a published author of 22 books; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tupelo wishes to honor Mr. Don Wildmon and his many accomplishments by designating the portion of Parkgate Drive that runs East to West from Parkgate Drive Extended to North Thomas Street, and is more particularly described in the attached Exhibit “A”, with his full name and thereby changing the indicated portion of “Parkside Drive” to “Don Wildmon Drive”.

NOW, THEREFORE, the name given to the portion of the public street known as “Parkgate Drive” that runs East to West from Parkgate Drive Extended to North Thomas Street, shall hereby be amended to “Don Wildmon Drive” by the City of Tupelo in honor of Mr. Don Wildmon and his accomplishments and a copy of this resolution will be submitted to Lee County E911 requesting it take the necessary steps to effect this change.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member _____ moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Council Member Mims	_____
Council Member Bryan	_____
Council Member Beard	_____
Council Member Davis	_____
Council Member Nolan	_____
Council Member Gaston	_____
Council Member Jones	_____

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

WHEREUPON, THE FOREGOING Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council on this the _____ day of _____, 2026

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LYNN BRYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST

SANDRA SHUMAKER
CLERK OF COUNCIL

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE