

**ORIGINAL**

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2026-009**

*Approving the Honorary Naming of the 200 block of South Ravenel Street between 3200 Hope Avenue and 3200 Rosewood Drive as "Eagle Way"*

WHEREAS, Rosewood Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, has a rich history, serving the community for 100 years and playing a significant role in the fight for school desegregation; and

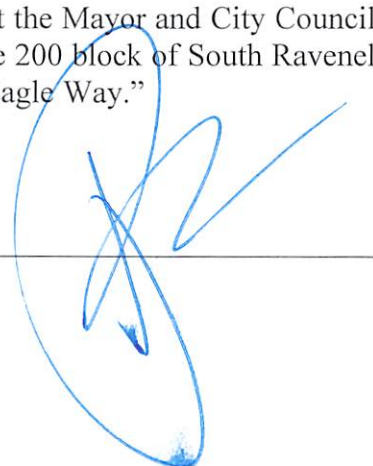
WHEREAS, Rosewood Elementary School prepares every student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society by providing an effective and high-quality education as a certified Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the 200 block of South Ravenel Street between 3200 Hope Avenue and 3200 Rosewood Drive as "Eagle Way."

Requested by:

Councilman Will Brennan

Mayor



Approved by:

Aeresa B. Wilson  
City Manager

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Attorney

Erika D. Hammond  
City Clerk

Introduced: 01/06/2026

Final Reading: 01/06/2026



## HONORARY STREET/FACILITY, ROOM AND SITE NAMING APPLICATION

Please see submission checklist for materials necessary for application.  
**SUBMISSION MATERIALS MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.**  
Application form and materials are DUE AT 4:00 p.m. thirty (30) days prior to ceremony.

- Is the designation:  Honorary Street Naming (*Topper will be posted above standard City of Columbia street signs.*)  
 Facility Naming (*A marker or plaque will be posted inside and outside of facility.*)  
 Room Naming (*A marker or plaque will be posted outside of room.*)  
 Site Naming

- Checklist:  Application  
 Council Members (District and one At-Large Sponsor)  
 3 Letter(s) of Support  
1) One letter expressing Community support  
2) One letter expressing Neighborhood/Neighborhood Association or Merchant Association support  
3) One letter expressing Councilmembers' support

Rosewood Elementary

Applicant Signature\*

caroline.clarkson@richlandone.org  
E-mail Address (teacher)

Print Name

3300 Rosewood Drive

Mailing Address

803-343-2930

Phone Number

5-16-25

Date

Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.

- (M) Signage wording cannot exceed twenty-six characters. Eagle Way
- (M) Any changes to initial request must be made in writing no more than 30 days prior to ceremony.
- (M) Signage wording and resolution must be finalized 30 days prior to ceremony.
- (M) Applicant must provide letter(s) of support as outlined in the above checklist.



HONORARY STREET/FACILITY, ROOM AND SITE NAMING APPLICATION

1. Name of individual or organization to be honored:

Rosewood Elementary School - street to be called Eagle Way

2. Name of street, facility, room or site of proposed designation: *Please list the intersecting streets and block numbers for honorary street namings. No more than two signs are permitted per honorary street naming designation.*

3200 Rosewood Drive and 200 South Ravenel St

3200 Hope Ave and 200 South Ravenel St

3. Attach sheet describing the significant contribution(s) this individual or organization has made in the community (no more than one page):

4. Location, date and time of unveiling ceremony if approved:

Thursday, January 22, 2026 (The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School)

5. District Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Will Brennan

At-Large Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Ashli Bussells

**FOR STAFF USE:**

Public Works:  Approved  Rejected

Parks and Recreation:  Approved  Rejected

Support Services:  Approved  Rejected

Public Safety:  Approved  Rejected

City Council Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

March 31, 2025

City of Columbia

Rosewood Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, has a rich history, serving the community for 100 years and playing a significant role in the fight for school desegregation. The Rosewood Neighborhood's robust history began with a school, built in 1926 to accommodate the surplus of mill family students. *According to The Moore Company*, back then, the last stop on Columbia's trolley was Rose Hill and the area was very rural.

Today, Rosewood Elementary is a small, neighborhood school located near the capital, the University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. Rosewood students are exposed to world-class skills such as creativity and innovation through differentiated curriculum and instruction, language instruction in Spanish, and the infusion of visual arts, music, technology, and character education throughout the curriculum. Critical thinking and problem-solving are promoted at all grade levels through authentic and engaging learning experiences. Extracurricular activities include chorus, strings, German club, Fitness Team, and Run Hard.

Rosewood Elementary School prepares every student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society by providing an effective and high-quality education. Rosewood is a certified Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) School. The South Carolina Arts Commission funds ABC. We utilize an ABC grant to provide teacher development in integrating the arts into our curriculum to foster creativity and engagement. The ABC grant also funds integrated speakers and field studies that give Rosewood students real-world experiences.

Rosewood students annually display high academic performances. We utilize common formative assessments and analyze them continuously to match instruction to learners' needs, which will foster growth. We believe that early intervention is the key to long-term reading success.

Our school is fortunate to have many parents, local businesses, neighborhood associations, and community members who volunteer and participate in our school community through activities such as International Walk to School Day, Science Night, a Spring Picnic, and Rosewood Readers. Our parents' engagement and community support continue to enhance the school climate, promote student achievement, and contribute to our success.

In honor of our 100 years of service to the Rosewood community, we request the 200 Block of South Ravenel, between 3200 Hope Avenue and 3200 Rosewood have the honorary name of Eagle Way.

Respectfully,



Chris Lyons

Principal, Rosewood Elementary

**Dear Rosewood Elementary School Community and Centennial Celebration Committee,**

**It is with great pride and heartfelt enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of the Centennial Celebration of Rosewood Elementary School, a school that holds a special place in my heart and has shaped the lives of four generations of my family. This milestone is not just a reflection of 100 years of excellence in education—it is a testament to the strength, dedication, and vision of a community that has worked tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where children can thrive.**

**Some say being traditional is mundane, but my commitment to this community is far from lackluster—it is at the core of who I am as an educator and a lifelong resident of Columbia. I am fortunate to call the Rosewood Community of Columbia my home, where my family has lived on the same two streets for four generations. My childhood home, built by my great-grandfather, stands on land where my great-grandparents operated a commercial greenhouse. Today, my husband and I live in the renovated home that once belonged to my grandparents, keeping family traditions alive while raising our own children in this same cherished community.**

**As a proud product of Richland County School District One, my journey in education began right here at Rosewood Elementary. I walked the same halls where my grandmother, a member of the first group of students welcomed by the newly constructed Rosewood in 1925, once studied. She spoke of 5th Avenue, the two-lane dirt road that would later become Rosewood Drive, and of the simple joys of learning in a school that was just beginning its long and storied history. My mother followed in her footsteps in the 1950s, sitting in perfectly lined desks with her post-war, baby-boomer classmates. The school expanded to meet the needs of a growing community and welcomed new friends as Rosewood was one of the first schools in Columbia to desegregate.**

**When I attended Rosewood in the 1980s, I vividly remember the excitement when First Lady Nancy Reagan visited during her “Just Say No” campaign. Later, as a Teacher Cadet at Dreher High School, I realized that teaching was my calling. Listening to my grandmother’s stories about teaching Latin at Dreher inspired me, and the outstanding educators at Rosewood, Hand, and Dreher fueled my desire to become an educator in my community. I have the unique privilege of teaching in the very district that nurtured me as a young learner.**

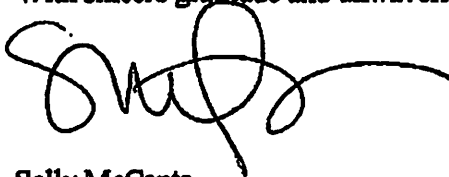
**Each morning when I unlock my classroom door, I reflect on my own educational journey and the generations of my family who have been shaped by this community. I am one of the fortunate few who can say that I have witnessed the morning sun rise from the same classroom I once sat in as a student. I can walk down the main hallway of Rosewood and see the faces of my family members in the historic panoramic school photos. Now, as a mother, I am proud that my three daughters also call Rosewood home, continuing our family’s deep-rooted connection to this school and to Richland One.**

**The story of Rosewood Elementary cannot be told without recognizing the extraordinary contributions of the Rosewood Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), whose dedication has been**

**instrumental in bridging the gap between home and school. Since its formation in the 1929-30 school year, the Rosewood PTA has worked tirelessly to foster a collaborative relationship between parents and teachers, ensuring that the school thrives and that the children of Rosewood are prepared to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of tomorrow.**

**As we celebrate 100 years of excellence, I am honored to support this momentous occasion and to recognize the profound legacy of Rosewood Elementary School and the Rosewood PTA. This Centennial Celebration is not only a time to reflect on our shared history but also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the future of this beloved institution. Therefore I hope you can join me in my support of the honorary street name change for the 200 block of South Ravenel from 3200 Rosewood to 3200 Hope Avenue. I am 100% invested in this community, and I am proud to stand with generations of families, educators, and students who have contributed to making Rosewood the extraordinary school it is today.**

**With sincere gratitude and unwavering support,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally McCants', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**Sally McCants  
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Columbia, SC 29205  
home: 803-256-1069  
cell: 803-238-3965  
email: [sallymccants@att.net](mailto:sallymccants@att.net)**



**Shandon Neighborhood Council**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**March 11, 2025**

**Mr. Robert Anderson  
1737 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

**Dear Mr. Anderson,**

**Rosewood Elementary will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. As part of the celebration, the school is applying for an honorary street name change for the 200 block of South Ravenel. That block extends from 3200 Rosewood Drive to 3200 Hope Avenue. They would like for it to be named Eagle Way.**

**The Shandon Neighborhood Council supports this name change.**

**Respectfully,**

**Dennis Wiehl  
Shandon Neighborhood Council President**

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**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2024-059**

*Amending Resolution No.: R-2017-052 and Adopting a Revised City of Columbia Honorary Street Naming Policy, Facility, Room and Site Naming Policy and Honorary Naming Application*

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2017, the Mayor and City Council approved Resolution No.: R-2017-052 adopting a City of Columbia honorary street naming policy and facility and site naming policy; and,

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Administrative Policy Committee endorsed a revised honorary street naming policy, facility, room and site naming policy and honorary naming application; and, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina hereby amend Resolution No.: R-2017-052 to adopt as official the City of Columbia Honorary Street Naming Policy, City of Columbia Facility, Room and Site Naming Policy and the City of Columbia Honorary Street/Facility, Room and Site Naming Application attached hereto. These policies replace and supersede all previous City of Columbia Honorary Street Naming Policies, City of Columbia Facility, and Site Naming Policies and Applications of the City or its departments.

Requested by:


Mayor and City Council

  
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Mayor


Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

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