

**ORIGINAL**

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2025-022**

*Approving the Honorary Naming of Koon Road and the 1500 Block of Prescott Road as  
"Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr. Drive"*

WHEREAS, Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr., of the former Trezevant Funeral Home located on Koon Road in Columbia, South Carolina served the community for over 50 years. He was the first African-American to serve on the South Carolina Board of Funeral Service; and

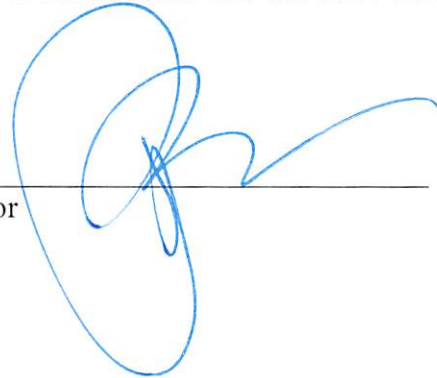
WHEREAS, Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr. improved the quality of life for families and their loved ones by assisting in proposed laws that governed cremation in South Carolina and his dedication to underserved communities; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of Koon Road and the 1500 Block of Prescott Road as Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr. Drive.


Requested by:

Councilwoman Tina Herbert


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Mayor



Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Introduced: 05/20/2025

Final Reading: 05/20/2025



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HONORARY STREET/FACILITY, ROOM AND SITE NAMING APPLICATION

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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.

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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

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Applicant Signature\*

btrezevant@gmail.com  
E-mail Address

Bruce A. Trezevant  
Print Name

2401 Haskell Ave, Columbia, SC 29204  
Mailing Address

803-354-3553  
Phone Number

08/29/2024  
Date

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Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.

- BT Signage wording cannot exceed twenty-six characters.
- BT Any changes to initial request must be made in writing no more than 30 days prior to ceremony.
- BT Signage wording and resolution must be finalized 30 days prior to ceremony.
- BT 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:

Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr. Dr

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.*

Koon Road 1500 Block Prescott Road

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:

Koon Road and Prescott Road ; January 2025

5. District Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Tina Herbert

At-Large Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Dr. Aditi 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**4/8/2025**

**To: Tina Herbert, City of Columbia City Council**

**From: Dr. Constance Lorick, President of Prescott Terrace Community**

**RE: Street topper in honor of Bruce Trezevant's father**

**Dear Columbia City Council,**

**We the residents of the Prescott Terrace Community, give our unwavering support of having the street topper named in honor of Bruce Trezevant's father. It is known that the former Trezevant Funeral Home located on Koon Road is documented in South Carolina history as the first black funeral home and crematorium.**

**If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dr. Constance R. Lorick  
President of Prescott Terrace Community**

# **Antioch Baptist Church**

5715 Koon Road • Founded 1914  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Albert Aiken Neal, D.D.  
Senior Pastor

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**September 25, 2024**

**City Council of Columbia, SC  
City Hall Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

**Dear Members of the City Council,**

**I am writing to express my full support for the commendation of Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr., through the naming of the street topper on Koon Road in his honor. Mr. Trezevant's contributions to our community and the state of South Carolina make him a truly deserving individual for this recognition. As the first Black person to serve on the South Carolina Board of Funeral Service, Mr. Trezevant has left an indelible mark on the funeral service industry in our state.**

**He not only broke barriers but also played a critical role in drafting the laws governing cremation in South Carolina, shaping legislation that ensures respectful and ethical practices in this sensitive area.**

**Beyond his contributions to the funeral service profession, Mr. Trezevant has been a steadfast advocate and organizer for his community.**

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His work with the Harlem Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC) has been nothing short of transformative, helping to improve the quality of life for countless individuals and families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. His leadership and dedication to uplifting underrepresented and underserved communities are qualities that our city should be proud to celebrate.

Mr. Trezevant's legacy of public service, community empowerment, and dedication to justice deserves to be honored in a permanent way. The naming of the street topper on Koon Road after him would serve as a fitting tribute to his lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of those around him and would inspire future generations to continue his work. I respectfully urge the City Council to approve this commendation in honor of Ezekial H. Trezevant, Jr., and recognize the profound impact he has had on our state and community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert A. Neal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Albert A. Neal, Retired Pastor (37)  
Antioch Baptist Church of Columbia, Inc.  
5715 Koon Road \* 29203

10/15/2024

Mr. Leon Montgomery  
1509 Melinda Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

Hi there, I'm Leon Montgomery, a long-time resident of Columbia living at 1509 Melinda Road. I'm writing to express my full support for placing a topper on the Koon Road and Prescott Road street signs in honor of Mr. Trezevant.

Mr. Trezevant was such a positive force in our community for over 50 years. He was always there when people needed him. I remember when my father had zoning issues—Mr. Trezevant stepped right in to help. And after my father passed, he became a father figure to our family. He meant so much to us and to so many other families in the community who looked up to him with deep respect.

My family and I wholeheartedly support this tribute. In fact, we feel this recognition is long overdue.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Montgomery", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leon Montgomery