



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



Applicant Signature*

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2/7/25

Date

Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.

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



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1. Name of individual or organization to be honored:

Brian DeQuincey Newman

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.*

Gregg Street from Colonial Drive to McLeese Street - location enclosed

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:

TBD

5. District Council Member Sponsor:

Name: McDowell

At-Large Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Bailey

FOR STAFF USE:

Public Works: Approved Rejected

Parks and Recreation: Approved Rejected

Support Services: Approved Rejected

Public Safety: Approved Rejected

City Council Approval Date: _____



CITY OF COLUMBIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

We are honored to express our full support for the request to designate an honorary street topper bearing the name of the late Councilman Brian DeQuincey Newman at the beginning of Gregg Street, which runs directly through the Bull Street District.


Councilman Newman was a distinguished public servant, a dedicated attorney, and a proud son of Columbia. A graduate of Spring Valley High School, Morehouse College, and the University of South Carolina School Of Law, he brought both academic excellence and heartfelt commitment to his work in our city. He served as an assistant Solicitor and as a Columbia City Councilman, where his leadership and vision helped shape the future of our community.

One of Councilman Newman's most impactful contributions was his pivotal vote on July 9, 2013, which advanced the Bull Street Development project with a 4-2 decision. This transformative initiative has become a cornerstone of Columbia's growth, connecting the Bull Street District to Main Street and historic neighborhoods such as Cottonwood and Elmwood Park. As Astral Development co-founder Ashil Ann noted, "We specifically chose Bull and Elmwood because to us it's Columbia's front door." Councilman Newman helped open that door.

His legacy is further recognized by the South Carolina House of Representatives, which passed a resolution honoring his life and service to the state and city: SC House Resolution 4728.

Placing an honorary street topper in his name at Gregg Street would be a meaningful tribute to his legacy and a visible reminder of the lasting impact he made on our city. We respectfully and enthusiastically support this request.


Edward H. McDowell, Jr.
District II


Tyler D. Bailey
At-Large Councilman

Brian DeQuincey Newman made a lasting impact on the Columbia community through his trailblazing leadership and dedication to public service. As the youngest person ever elected to Columbia City Council, he brought fresh energy and a forward-thinking vision to the city's governance. Representing District 2 from 2010 to 2015, he quickly became known for his thoughtful approach to policy and his commitment to equity and progress.

One of Councilman Newman's most notable contributions was his decisive vote in favor of the Bull Street Development project in 2013. With a 4-2 vote, his support helped launch one of Columbia's most transformative urban revitalization efforts, connecting key districts and enhancing the city's infrastructure and economic potential. His leadership extended beyond council chambers he also served as Chair of the city's Committees on Public Safety and Economic Development, and led the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's board of directors, advocating for improved transportation access across the region.

Beyond his political achievements, Brian Newman was deeply rooted in community service and civic engagement. He served as an assistant solicitor with the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office and practiced law with a focus on justice and advocacy. A Columbia native and graduate of Spring Valley High School, Morehouse College, and the University of South Carolina School of Law, he embodied the values of education, service, and leadership. His legacy continues to inspire, and his contributions have been formally recognized by the South Carolina House of Representatives in a resolution honoring his life and service.