

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-100**

*Approving the Honorary Naming of Richland Street between Two Notch Road and Oak Street "Trinity Baptist Church Way"*

WHEREAS, Trinity Baptist Church was chartered in 1921 by a small group of believers separated from Second Nazareth Baptist Church and began holding services in a hall in the 1600 block of Waverly Street (Elbow Alley), relocated to 1600 Harden Street across from Benedict College and in 1937 located to a new church building at 2521 Richland Street where it continues to thrive and impact the community; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Trinity Baptist Church has served not only its members, but also the Waverly Street, Reed Street and Edgewood communities and the Columbia area;

WHEREAS, Trinity Baptist Church partnered with the City of Columbia to revitalize the Waverly and Reed Street Community; coordinates with other churches to feed the homeless; is as a referral service for community resources and employment for the Edgewood Community; is an after school tutorial site for kids in the Waverly and Edgewood Communities; has sponsored free health fairs and screenings and COVID-19 testing site; has served as a food distribution site and community hub for social gatherings, political forums and monthly NAACP meetings; and twice received a 21st Century STEM grant to serve kids throughout the Columbia area during the summer; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 7th day of September 2021, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of Richland Street between Two Notch Road and Oak Street "Trinity Baptist Church Way." The design and color of the honorary signs shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Councilmember McDowell



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Mayor

Approved by:



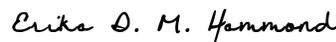
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:



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City Attorney  
Introduced: 9/7/2021  
Final Reading: 9/7/2021



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City Clerk

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# APPLICATION



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## HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE NAMING

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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:  Street Naming Topper  
(sign will be posted above standard city street signs)  
 Facility and site naming

Checklist:  Application  
 Council Member Sponsor  
 Letter(s) of Support

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Reginald A. Rearden  
Applicant Signature\*

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Reginald A. Rearden  
Print Name

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Mailing Address

(803)-351-2881  
Phone Number

August 26, 2021  
Date

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*Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.*

RAR Signage wording cannot exceed twenty-six characters

RAR Any changes to initial request must be made no more than 20 days prior to ceremony in writing

RAR Signage wording and resolution will be finalized 15 days prior to ceremony

go via email Applicant must provide letter(s) of support from neighborhood association, institution or business(s) impacted by the proposed honorary street, facility or site naming

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APPLICATION



HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE NAMING

1. Name of individual or organization to be honored:

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH WAY

2. Name of street, facility or site proposed for designation:

Please list the intersecting street and block number. No more than two signs are permitted per designation.

2500 1900  
Richland St. - Two Notch

2300 1800  
Richland St. - OAK St.

3. Attach sheet describing the significant contribution(s) this individual or organization has made in the community:

4. Location, date and time of unveiling ceremony: Trinity Baptist Church  
Sunday, Sept 12 @ 4:00 p.m.

5. Council Member Sponsor:

Name: McDowell

FOR STAFF USE:

Council Member Sponsor:  Approved  Rejected

Public Works:  Approved  Rejected

Review Type:  Staff  Council \_\_\_\_\_ Council Date

APPLICATION  
HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE NAMING  
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH ADDENDUM

The Trinity Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope in the Edgewood Community for the past 100 years. While we're grateful for our past and expectant for our future, it's incumbent on us to carry on what those four gentlemen who met 100 years ago started; "to be a reflection of Christ to the Community." Trinity has served the community for over 100 years, below is some highlights of Trinity's service to the community:

- 100 years of serving as the spiritual pulse of the Waverly community through worship services, prayer meetings and Bible studies;
- Partnered with the City of Columbia during the Revitalization of the Waverly and Read Street Community;
- Partnered with community churches in the feeding of the homeless;
- Served as a referral service for community resources and employment for the Edgewood Community;
- Served as a site for After School Tutorial Program for kids within the Waverly and Edgewood Community;
- Sponsored several Health Fairs with free screenings for the Columbia Area;
- Recipient for two consecutive years of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century STEM Grant which served kids throughout the Columbia area during the summer;
- Served as a testing site for COVID-19;
- Served as a food distribution site;
- Served as a Community hub for social gatherings to include meetings, seminars, weddings, banquets, galas, political forums and NAACP monthly meetings at the Trinity Educational and Community Center.

*Edgewood/Read Street*  
*Community Improvement Cooperative Council*

Post office Box 4600                      Columbia, SC 29240

August 27, 2021

Mr. Ed McDowell, City Councilman  
Columbia City Hall  
1737 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Councilman McDowell:

For as long as most of us can remember, the Trinity Baptist Church has been a vital, positive, active and supportive member of our greater Edgewood and Waverly communities. The beloved and respected pastor, officers and members of Trinity have demonstrated by their words, actions and deeds, that they know and understand the importance of community; and yet, of even more significance, they have shown in every way that they know and practice the importance of modelling and keeping Christ in the community.

Trinity has served as a leader in meeting the various needs of members of its surrounding communities. It has supported the revitalization of Edgewood, fed the hungry, helped our youngsters with a variety of after school educational programs and activities, assisted our Seniors and youngsters as they mastered using technology and their computers, served as a source of help when community members were in need and seeking employment, and it has helped our local residents by providing necessary resources for health screenings and referrals. For several years, Trinity has served as host for our Annual Edgewood/Read Street CICC Community Christmas Caroling Celebration. As volunteer host of this event, Trinity has provided a warm meeting space in their Community Center (TECC), as well as entertainment and refreshments for over 100 youngsters and seniors. Previously, we met outside in the cold at various locations in the Edgewood community. For this activity, members of the CICC Christmas Caroling Committee provide toys and gifts for each child.

We feel that the pastor and members of Trinity Baptist Church have not just lived and practiced their faith within the walls of Trinity; we have seen and benefitted from what they have actually done outside the church; in the communities that surround the church. Members of Trinity are encouraged to become and stay actively engaged in their community. For these reasons and many others, we are delighted to recommend and support the honorary naming of Richland Street in its honor.

Please feel free to call me on (803)414-9695 should you have any questions or need any additional information.

My best regards,

*Alexzena I. Furgess*

Alexzena Irving Furgess, Vice President  
Edgewood/Read Street CICC

CC: Carl Frederick, President