

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-043

Approving the honorary naming of the 2200 block of Barhamville Road between Chestnut Street and Gordon Street "Bishop Edward Smith Way"

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WHEREAS, Bishop Edward Smith originally came to Columbia to train at Fort Jackson Army Base in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith visited the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized in 1951; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith married Sister Edna M. Friday in 1952; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith served in a number of ways in the church including usher, Sunday School teacher and worship leader; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith was officially installed as pastor of the Progressive Church in Blackville, SC with only six members; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith was consecrated to the office of Bishop, became a member of the Board of Bishops and served as Executive Secretary to the board in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith became Presiding Bishop of the Progressive Church in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith and his congregation completed and dedicated the multi-million dollar sanctuary and family life center for the Progressive Church in Columbia in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, since becoming Presiding Bishop, Bishop Smith has traveled thousands of miles visiting Progressive Churches, has encouraged numerous people, touched many lives and is known to truly have the people of God at heart; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of April, 2017, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the 2200 block of Barhamville Road between Chestnut Street and Gordon Street "Bishop Edward Smith Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Councilmember McDowell _____



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 4/18/2017
Final Reading: 4/18/2017