



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT  
COMMISSION  
RENAMING RECOMMENDATION**

**PETITIONER:** Glynda M. Jones  
1724 Stuyvesant Street  
Savannah, GA 31405

**FILE No.:** 18-006782-HM

**LOCATION:** Stuyvesant Street between Liberty Parkway and Harvest Avenue

**DATE:** February 7, 2019

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The petitioner is requesting approval to establish an Honorary Street Designation to recognize Clifton and Ernestine Jones. A portion of Stuyvesant Street, from Liberty Parkway east to Harvest Avenue, would have the honorary designation of "Clifton & Ernestine Jones Street."

**FINDINGS:**

City Council adopted provisions for honorary street naming designations in 2017 (Article E-Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets). These provisions establish the criteria and process for the designation. Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the city. The designation will be a temporary assignment, no longer than five years, and will be in addition to the official name of an existing right-of-way. In addition to the historic documentation, a supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way is required. An endorsement by the current mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located is also required. Designations are limited to one approved designation per city council member per calendar year.

The proposed designation, endorsed by Alderwoman Estella Shabazz, commemorates Clifton and Ernestine Jones.

Mr. Jones, a native Savannahian has a lifetime of public service. He was a US Postal Service employee for 34 years and has served on numerous boards, committees and authorities. He was an original founder of the Liberty City-Richfield-Southover Improvement Association and served as the president for over 26 years. He served as Alderman for Savannah's Fifth District for 16 years.

Mrs. Jones, also a native Savannahian, has a similarly impressive record of public service. She worked for the Beaufort County School System for 31 years and served on numerous boards and authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married for 62 years, prior to her death in 2018.

The following standards apply:

***Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets.***

***General policy.*** As a general policy, the Mayor and Aldermen find that public property should be named after its principal function, location, or historical reference; however, significant community events, organizations or well-known persons with important contributions to the community, state or nation may deserve public recognition, which may occur by way of naming or renaming public rights-of-way or facilities.

***Honorary Street Naming Designations.***

***General.*** Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. Where deemed consistent with the objectives of this sections, the designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall be in addition to the official name of an existing right-of-way.

***Circumstances.*** Honorary designations may be bestowed under the following non-exclusive circumstances:

- *Where the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;*

The circumstance is met. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones have made sustained contributions to the City of Savannah which has benefited the community immeasurably.

- *Where the proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;*
- *Where the proposed namesake is a native Savannahian whom achieved national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah; or*
- *Where the proposed namesake resided in Savannah for at least five years.*

***Ineligible.*** Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.

The standard is met.

***Non-city roadways.*** Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.

The standard is met.

**Public Notice:** Written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. One comment was received from the public requesting that the proposed name be shortened to "C. & E. Jones Street."


**Board Discussion:** The petitioner requested at the meeting that a "J." be added between "Ernestine" and "Jones" and the HSMC agreed.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**


The HSMC recommends approval of the honorary street designation of Stuyvesant Street from Liberty Parkway east to Harvest Avenue to "Clifton & Ernestine J. Jones Street" because the criteria are met.

  
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Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chairman  
Historic Site and Monument Commission

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Melanie Wilson, Executive Director  
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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Ellen I. Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation  
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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