

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chatham-Savannah Historic Sites and Monument Commission  
**FROM:** Joe Shearouse Jr.  
**DATE:** December 13, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **Honorary Street Designation – Clifton & Ernestine Jones Street**

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**Current Name:** Stuyvesant Street  
**Honorary Name:** Clifton & Ernestine Jones Street  
**Location:** Stuyvesant Street- Liberty Parkway east to Harvest Ave  
**Petitioner:** Glynda M. Jones, [glyndajones4@aol.com](mailto:glyndajones4@aol.com), (912) 713-1917

Staff Recommendation

1. Recommend approval of Honorary Street Designation to Clifton & Ernestine Jones Street located on Stuyvesant Street between Liberty Parkway and Harvest Ave.

Requirements for Honorary Street Naming Designations. (Sec.4-1104)

Purpose

- ✓ Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. The designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall not interfere with the official name of the street.

Restrictions

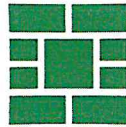
- ✓ Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- ✓ Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year.
- ✓ Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.

## Requirements

- ✓ 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 proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
- ✓ The proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- ✓ A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
- ✓ Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
- ✓ A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way
- ✓ An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- ✓ A check for \$150 made to the City of Savannah

## Attachments

1. Petition request
  - a. Official request
  - b. Alderwoman Shabazz's endorsement
  - c. Map of location
  - d. Biography of Mr. Clifton Jones and Mrs. Ernestine Jones
2. City Staff comments



## **Public Property Naming Application and Guideline**

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This application allows for the public to propose a name or to rename public property provided all the requirements outlined in Article E. Section 4:1100-1108 are met.

### **Criteria**

All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:

- To honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;
- To commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
- To strengthen neighborhood identity; or
- To recognize native wildlife or natural features.

### **Restrictions**

- Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
- Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

### **Considerations**

Naming requests shall take into account:

- The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
- Community diversity;
- The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
- The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
- The impact on emergency service delivery; and
- Continuity and stability.

### **Natural Person Naming Request**

Requests should consider following;

- Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree for permanent naming shall be deceased;
- Whether 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;
- Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

**Applicant Information**

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Name:  Phone Number:

Address:

Email:

**Request Type**

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- Honorary street designation
- Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed
- Public property renaming request

**Property Type**

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- Park, playground, trail or recreation space
- Building or facility
- Street or roadway
- Other public property

**Property Location**

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Property address and/ or location description:

Aldermanic District:

Present property name:

Proposed Name:

## **Requirement Checklist for Re-naming Request**

*(Check each item to verify that all requirements are included along with this application according to requested property type.)*

### **Honorary Street Designation**

- The present official name of the street and proposed Honorary Designation
- Identify section of street to receive the designation
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the street, including all prior names
- A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request
- Evidence that such person resided in the City of Savannah for at least five years during his/her lifetime
- Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- A non-refundable fee of \$150

### **Street or Roadway**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Park, playground, trail or recreation space**

- The present official name of the street and proposed new name
- The specific location of the street or roadway
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names
- A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located

### **Building or Facility**

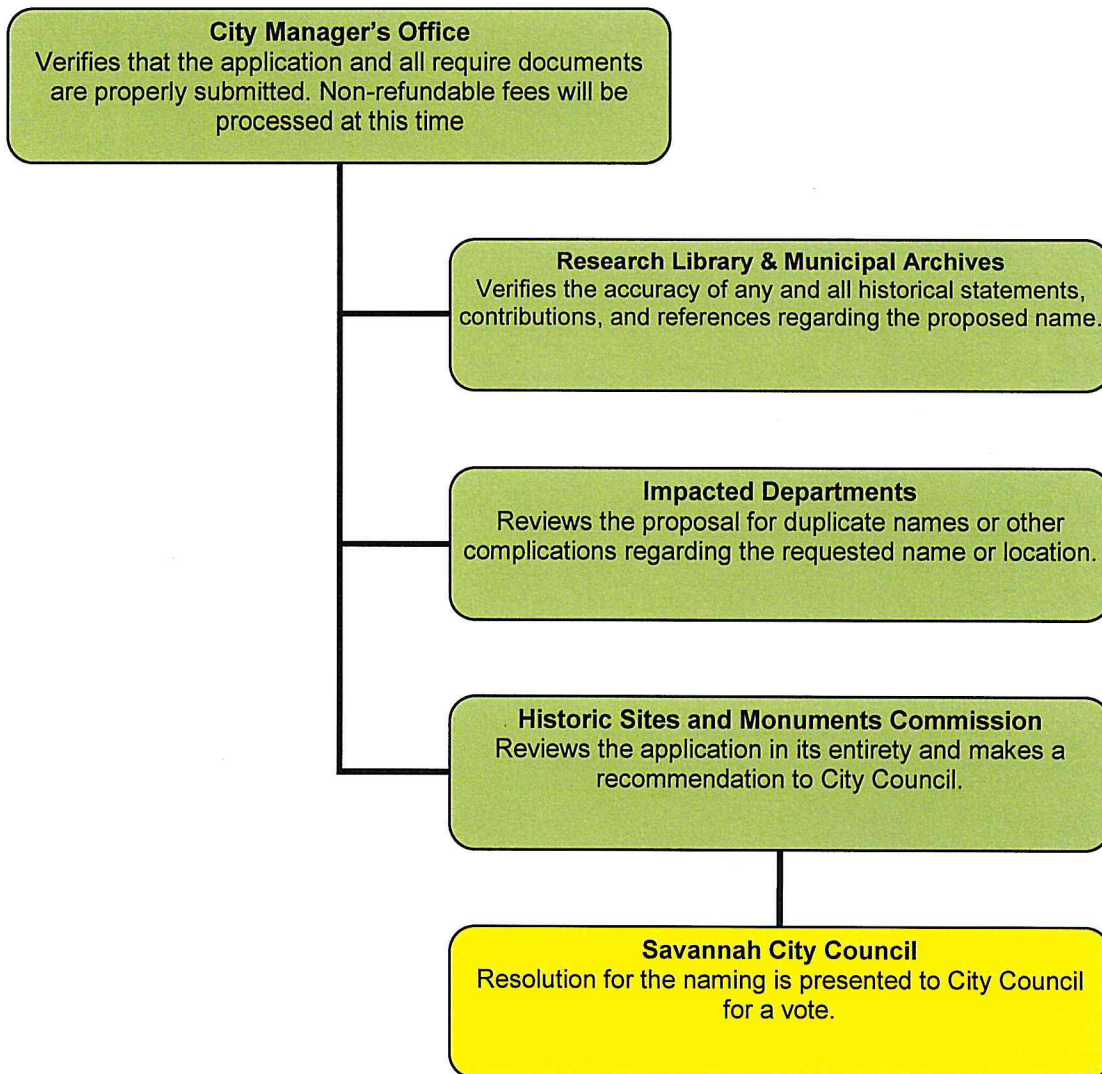
- The present official name of the building, structure or facility
- The proposed new name
- The specific location of the property;
- A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
- A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility
- An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the building, structure or facility is located.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES & APPROVAL PROCESS**

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All requests should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at;

*2 East Bay Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401  
ATTN: City Manager's Office- Public Property Naming Request*



Questions?  
Contact the Office of the City Manager at (912) 651-6415.

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Honorary Street Designation**

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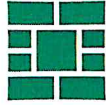
**I (We) understand that our address will NOT change.**

**This request is for an Honorary Street Designation which expires after 5 years.**

Present Name: Stuyvesant Street

Proposed Honorary Name: CLIFTON + ERNESTINE JONES Blvd

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Owner		Tenant	
		Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
1735 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1813 Stuyvesant St.	EF Royal	✓			
1720 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
1707 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1829 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
4501 Harvest Ave	[Signature]	✓			
1717 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
1724 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1722 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1803 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1802 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			
1721 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
1726 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
1801 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
1733 Stuyvesant St.	[Signature]	✓			
4411 Harvest St	[Signature]	✓			
1834 Stuyvesant St	[Signature]	✓			



November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Alderwomen Shabazz, the fifth District Alderman of the City of Savannah, officially endorse the petition to request the Honorary Street Designation of Stuyvestant Road between Liberty Parkway and Harvest Avenue to CLIFTON & ERNESTINE JONES BLVD in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 4-1104 "Honorary Street Designations" in the City Code of Ordinances.

Staff will review and formally make a recommendation of action to City Council at a later date.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Estella Shabazz, ALDERWOMAN*

Alderwomen Estella Shabazz

5<sup>th</sup> District Alderman

City of Savannah





## **MR. CLIFTON JONES, JR.**

Mr. Clifton Jones, Jr., a native Savannahian, was educated in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and attended Savannah State College. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Korean conflict (1952-1954). He is a retired U.S. Postal Service employee with a total of thirty four (34) years of governmental service. He was married to the late Ernestine Jenkins Jones for sixty-two (62) years and is the father of four children, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of seven. He is a member of the Historic Second African Baptist Church and was formally a deacon at Beth Eden Baptist Church.

Mr. Jones has served on many boards, committees and authorities in Savannah including: the Savannah Branch NAACP Board of Directors (BOD) and a silver life member, the Housing Authority of Savannah BOD, the Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care Center BOD and the W.W. Law Foundation BOD. He is/has been a member of the Chatham County Democratic Committee, the American Legion Post 500, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 600, and a charter member of Alfred E. Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame Association, Inc.

Mr. Jones is one of the original founders of the Liberty City-Richfield-Southover Community Improvement Association (LCRS) and was President of the organization for over twenty-six (26) years. He led LCRS through many achievements for the betterment of the entire community. When he became president of the organization, the area was basically unimproved and unincorporated. There were limited street lights in the area and those citizens who wanted lights paid for them at their properties. The area did not have a sanitary sewer system; the streets were not paved; there was a massive ditch system throughout the area and many other quality of life issues had to be addressed. Mr. Jones was instrumental through petitions to Chatham County and the City of Savannah in having all of these issues addressed. One thing that happened during this period was a rejection of paved streets by the organization in lieu of a sanitary sewer system. The county started the sewer system, but did not complete it because the annexation issue was on the horizon and the county did not want to make the investment if the area was annexed. Additionally, the city was petitioned to construct the Staley Avenue overpass. While Mr. Jones was LCRS president, he was successful in having the postal service provide curbside mail service in the Summerside area. The organization attempted to build a community center in the area and found that it could not do it on its own. Working together as a community, the organization was able to purchase a tract of land and entered into an agreement with the City of Savannah to build a center. Later, the center was expanded and a lake was added. Mr. Jones's success as president of LCRS would not have been possible without the assistance of Mr. J.P. Jones, LCRS secretary. The two of them worked together throughout the entire period to make the Liberty City-Richfield-Southover community a better place to live.

Mr. Jones's favorite pastime is playing checkers. He is a member of The Savannah Checkers Club and a retired Alderman from the City of Savannah Council who represented the 5th City of Savannah District for sixteen (16) years. In 2007, Mr. Jones was inducted into the Beach High Hall of Fame for services to athletes and the BHAHFA.

Mr. Jones has received many recognitions/awards presented by social and community organizations. Of all the awards he has received, he is most proud of the award he received from the Haitian Historical Society for his work in helping to erect the Haitian American Monument

in Savannah to recognize Haiti's participation in the American Revolutionary War fought in Savannah in 1799.

Other awards/appointments Mr. Jones has received include a proclamation declaring September 13, 1991 as Clifton Jones, Jr. day by Mayor John Rousakis and the Savannah City Council, Public Servant of the Year Award from the Mutual Benevolent Society of 1876, Inc. (1999), Savannah State University Foundation, Inc. Certification of Exemplary Service Award (2003), Certificate of Appreciation from the Ogeechee-ton-Dawes Avenue Neighborhood Association (2005), appointment as Lieutenant Colonel, Aide De Camp, Governor's Staff (1997), Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care, Inc. Appreciation Award (2006), Prestigious Citation Award from the Georgia Senate (2007), the Arthur Gignilliat Public Service Award (2008) presented by the Chatham County Democratic Committee, the Haitian American Historical Society Honor (2009), Dedication and Commitment Service Award from the Poplar Place Neighborhood for 2003 – 2011, Woodville Community Action Organization award (2011), W.W. Law Legacy Award presented by the King-Tisdall Cottage Foundation (2012), Savannah Branch NAACP Freedom Award (2012), Certificate of Appreciation from the Savannah Branch of the NAACP (2015) and the Service Award of Appreciation from the Liberty City-Richfield-Southover Community Association, Inc.

## **Mrs. Ernestine J. Jones**

The late Mrs. Ernestine J. Jones, a native Savannahian, was educated in the Savannah – Chatham County Public Schools system and graduated from Woodville High School (now Woodville – Tompkins Career Institute). She earned her B.S. Degree from Savannah State College (University) in Social Studies/English. She furthered her education at Armstrong State College (University), the University of South Carolina and the Citadel where she earned her Advancement Placement Certificate in English.

Mrs. Jones was married to Mr. Clifton Jones, Jr. for sixty-two (62) years. She was the mother of four children, grandmother of three and great-grandmother of seven. She was a member of the Historic Second African Baptist Church where she worked with the Education Committee and the Senior Saints.

Mrs. Jones was employed by the Beaufort County School System and retired in 1995 after 31 years of service. She served as the English department chairperson and senior class, yearbook and newspaper advisor. She received numerous awards including Master Teacher (1978 – 1980 and 1985), Rotary Club Award (1989), and Teacher of the Year (1992).

Mrs. Jones was involved or volunteered in many organizations, both civic and social, such as Keep Savannah Beautiful (Vice Chair), Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center Advisory Council, Economic Opportunity Authority Policy Council and Board of Directors, Neighborhood Coordinator/Chair of the Hopkins Street Corridor Beacons Program, Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (Vice Chair) and the League of Women Voters (State of Georgia).

Additionally, she was a member of the Woodville – Tompkins Alumni Association (Finance Secretary), The Board of Elections of Chatham County (20 years), NAACP Silver Life Member and the Liberty City – Richfield – Southover Community Improvement Association, Inc. where she served as President for fourteen (14 years).

Mrs. Jones worked for the betterment of her community and, through the years, saw many improvements take place in her community as a result of her direct involvement.

Mrs. Jones received many accolades/awards for her work and leadership in the community. Of all her awards, she was most proud to receive the W.W. Law Legacy Award in 2012.

Other awards/recognitions she was the recipient of include a service award from the Woodville Alumni Association (multiple years), Economic Opportunity Authority Service Award (2003), Liberty City, Summerside, Southover and Richfield Church and Community Coalition for Youth Community Service Leader Award (2016) and the Arthur Gignilliat Public Service Award from the Chatham County Democratic Committee (2017)

In 2015, Mrs. Jones was nominated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association, Inc. as a Marshall. She served as the MLK Marshall attending activities that honored the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as prestigiously riding in the parade.

In 2017, Mrs. Jones was inducted into the Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame for outstanding performance in the sport of basketball.

Mrs. Jones continued to work tirelessly in the community until she became ill and passed on July 6, 2018.

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# THE CITY OF SAVANNAH GEORGIA



## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS:** Ernestine J. Jones, an educator and community activist, was born in Savannah, Georgia, on December 21, 1933, to William Ernest, Sr. and Rebecca Singleton Jenkins. She graduated in 1952 from Woodville High School and earned her B.S. Degree from Savannah State College in Social Studies and English. She furthered her education at Armstrong State College, the University of South Carolina and the Citadel; and

**WHEREAS:** Ernestine was employed by the Beaufort County School system, retiring in 1995 after 31 years of service, during which she received numerous awards, including Master Teacher (1978-1980, 1985), Rotary Club Award (1989), and Teacher of the Year (1992); and

**WHEREAS:** She was a member of the Woodville-Tompkins Alumni Association, the Board of Elections of Chatham County, an NAACP Life Member, and President of the Liberty City-Richfield-Southover Community Improvement Association, Inc. for 14 years. In 2017, she was inducted into the Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame for basketball; and

**WHEREAS:** Ernestine worked for the betterment of her community, and saw many improvements as a result of her direct involvement. She was the recipient of numerous recognitions presented by social and community organizations, but was most proud to receive the W. W. Law Legacy Award in 2010; and

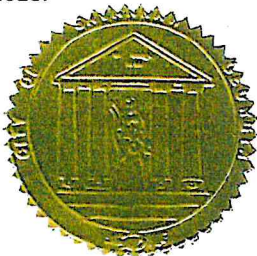
**WHEREAS:** Ernestine as a member of the historic Second African Baptist Church, where she participated in various ministries, including the Education Commission and Senior Saints Ministry; and

**WHEREAS:** On January 29, 1956, Ernestine married Clifton Jones, Jr. Their marriage lasted over 62 years and produced four children, Edwin, Daryl, Glynda and Karen; and

**WHEREAS:** On July 6, 2018, Ernestine J. Jones passed away, leaving a lasting legacy in Savannah through her family, friends, colleagues and students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah celebrate the life of Ernestine J. Jones and offer our appreciation for her service to the Savannah community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ernestine Jones will be sadly missed by all of us who knew her as a notable member of the Savannah community; and that a copy of this resolution will be delivered to her family and made a part of the permanent records of the Savannah City Council meeting minutes of July 19, 2018.



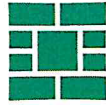
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.

This 19th day of July, 2018

ATTEST

Luciana M. Sanchez  
Clerk of Council

Eddie W. DeLoach  
MAYOR



**Check Receipt Form**

Received date: **11/27/18**

Received by: **Joseph Shearouse Jr.,  
City Manager's Office**

Notes:

COPY OF CHECK

The Styles Check Company 1-888-724-3257 www.styleschecks.com

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G. M. JONES  
[Redacted]

Date 26 Nov 2018

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One hundred fifty dollars & xx/100 Dollars

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For [Redacted] Shearouse Jr MP

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## Joe Shearouse01

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**From:** Luciana Spracher  
**Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2018 5:03 PM  
**To:** Joe Shearouse01  
**Subject:** RE: Clifton and Ernestine Jones- Honorary Street Petition  
**Attachments:** ErnestineJonesResolution\_2018-08-16.pdf

Hi Joe,

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been active participants in the Savannah community as leaders, making significant contributions over an appreciable time period.

City Council recently passed the attached resolution upon the death of Ernestine Jones on July 6, 2018. The resolution acknowledges Mrs. Jones' contributions to the community, including involvement with the:

- Chatham County Board of Elections
- NAACP
- Liberty City-Richfield-Southover Community Improvement Association, Inc., notable as President for 14 years

City Council Minutes confirm that Ernestine Jones was appointed to the Keep Savannah Beautiful Board at least in 1994, 1996, 2000, and 2005.

Clifton Jones, Jr. served on the Savannah City Council for the following terms:

- Alderman 5th District: January 2, 1996 – December 31, 1999
- Alderman 5th District: January 2, 2000 – December 31, 2003
- Alderman 5th District: January 2, 2004 – December 31, 2007
- Alderman 5th District: January 2, 2008 – December 31, 2011

He shared the W. W. Law Legacy Award with his wife in 2010. As a member of the W. W. Law Foundation Board, he was instrumental in coordinating the transfer of the W. W. Law Collection from the Foundation to the City of Savannah for its preservation and access to it by the Savannah community. In 2012, the Savannah Branch NAACP awarded Mr. Jones the annual Freedom Award.

Stuyvesant Street is in the Liberty City neighborhood, running east-west from roughly Liberty Parkway to Meadows Avenue. Liberty City was developed in 1945 by Liberty City Associates and was annexed into the City limits around 1978-1979 (this has not been fully vetted as part of this research). Stuyvesant Street was originally called 62<sup>nd</sup> Street on the 1945 subdivision map and at some point was changed, though the date of the change has not been determined at this time.

Would it be more appropriate for the proposed name to be "Clifton & Ernestine Jones Street" rather than "Boulevard" since it is on "Stuyvesant Street"?

Please let me know if you have any additional questions at this time.

Luciana

**Luciana M. Spracher, C.A.**

Municipal Archives & Records Management Director | Acting Clerk of Council

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**From:** Joe Shearouse01

**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 11:35 AM

**To:** Luciana Spracher <LSpracher@Savannahga.Gov>; Michele Strickland <MStrickland@Savannahga.Gov>

**Subject:** Clifton and Ernestine Jones- Honorary Street Petition

Please see draft petition memo attached and provide any comments for your Departments by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks

**Joseph C. Shearouse Jr.**

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**ARTICLE E. – NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND  
STREETS.**

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Section 4-1100. - 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.

Section 4-1101- Naming criteria and requirements.

- (a) Naming or renaming of a public right-of-way or facility shall occur only when the proposed naming or renaming satisfied at least one of the following criteria:
  - (1) It honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia or the United States of America;
  - (2) It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;
  - (3) It will strengthen neighborhood identity; or
  - (4) It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.
  
- (b) The following shall not be considered for purposes of naming or renaming:
  - (1) Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;
  - (2) Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
  - (3) Except as set forth in Section 4-1106 of this Article, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.
  
- (c) Naming requests shall consider:
  - (1) The number of residents and businesses directly affected;
  - (2) Community diversity;
  - (3) The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
  - (4) The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
  - (5) The impact on emergency service delivery; and
  - (6) Continuity and stability.
  
- (d) Requests to name a public right-of-way or facility in honor of a natural person should also consider the following:
  - (1) Absent extraordinary or extenuating circumstances, the proposed honoree shall be deceased;
  - (2) Whether 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;
- (3) Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
  - (4) Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

Section 4-1102. - Naming new facilities or public property.

- (a) All requests to name newly acquired, created or previously unnamed public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:
  - (1) The precise location and description of the subject property;
  - (2) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property or surrounding area, as may be applicable;
  - (3) The name, address and contact information of the requestor; and
  - (4) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (b) Upon receipt of a property naming request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this Article and submit a recommendation to the City Manager for presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen no later than 120 days after receipt of the request. Recommendations are subject to approval by City Council.

Section 4-1103 – Renaming of public property, facilities or streets.

- (a) All requests to rename public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:
  - (1) In the instance of a street or roadway:
    - (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way;
    - (B) The present official name of the street;
    - (C) The proposed new name;
    - (D) The specific location of the street or roadway;
    - (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
    - (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
    - (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names associated therewith; and
    - (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located.
  - (2) In the instance of a park, playground, trail, recreational area or space:

- (A) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject property;
  - (B) The present official name of the property;
  - (C) The proposed new name;
  - (D) The specific location of the property;
  - (E) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (F) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (G) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (H) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (3) In the instance of a building, structure or facility:
- (A) The present official name of the building, structure or facility;
  - (B) The proposed new name;
  - (C) The specific location of the property;
  - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the building, structure or facility, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (G) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the building, structure or facility is located.
- (4) In the instance of all other public property:
- (A) The present official name of the property;
  - (B) The proposed new name;
  - (C) The specific location of the property;
  - (D) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (E) A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;
  - (F) A thorough discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (G) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.

Section 4-1104 – Honorary Street Naming Designations.

- (a) 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 section, 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.

- (b) Requests to affix an honorary designation to a public right-of-way shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Submissions shall include:
- (1) Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
  - (2) A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way;
  - (3) The present official name of the right-of-way;
  - (4) The proposed honorary designation;
  - (5) The name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;
  - (6) A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
  - (7) A discussion regarding the history of the property, including all prior names associated therewith; and
  - (8) An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- (c) Honorary designations may be bestowed under the following non-exclusive circumstances:
- (1) 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;
  - (2) Where the proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
  - (3) 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
  - (4) Where the proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- (d) Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.
- (e) Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- (f) Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year. Requests will be reviewed and evaluated in the order in which they are received.
- (g) Upon receipt of a request submitted pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall submit the request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission shall consider the requirements of this section and submit a recommendation to the City Manager for presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen no later than 120 days after receipt of the request. Recommendations are subject to approval by City Council.

- (h) Requests approved by the Mayor and Aldermen shall be effective for five years from the date of such approval. The City may remove the sign at the end of the five-year period. If requested, the sign may be given to the applicant, honoree, or a family member of the honoree.
- (i) Renewal requests may be submitted; provided, however that they are transmitted no less than 60 days before the termination of the effective period. Renewal requests will not be given priority over pending honorary designation requests, if any.
- (j) Honorary signs may be mounted on the same post as the existing street sign or mounted free standing on a separate post. The City will maintain the sign after installation. Installation of the honorary sign(s) shall be within a reasonable time but no later than 45 days from the date of approval. The City shall replace signs stolen or damaged during the five-year approval period.
- (k) Along with any application submitted, the applicant shall include payment of a non-refundable fee to defray the costs associated with the review, design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign. The fee shall be charged as set forth in the City's annual Revenue Ordinance. All fees will be deposited in the City's General Fund upon receipt. Fees and costs shall not be waived unless the honorary designation is initiated by City Council.

#### Section 4-1105. – Naming Dedication Ceremony

An applicant may request a dedication ceremony at the time application is made to the City Manager. The City Manager, or his designee, shall be responsible for scheduling such ceremony.

#### Section 4-1106. – Donations and Gifts

A donation or gift of land, goods, funding, equipment or other items may constitute a basis upon which to name or rename public property. The donation or gift shall be documented and recorded by the Clerk of Council.

#### Section 4-1107. - Notification of street name changes; publishing and posting of notices.

When the name of a street permanently has been changed pursuant to this Article, the public works administrator shall notify utility companies and interested state and local agencies of the street name change. Notifications may encompass more than one renaming event and may be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

#### Section 4-1108. - Discontinuance.

The City retains the right to reject, discontinue or abandon any naming that occurred pursuant to this Article when deemed in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors.