



Honorary Street Designation Request- “Coach Ronald Booker Way”

Purpose

Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The designation is temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall not interfere with the official name of the street. Honorary Street Designations DO NOT change the official name of the street, they are only symbolic.

Proposal

Current Name: Hopkins Street
Proposed Honorary Name: “Coach Ronald Booker Way”
Location: Hopkins Street - Between West Victory Drive and West 48th Street
Petitioner: Priscilla Swindell 912-247-2432 cilla.swindell@gmail.com



Street Sign Locations- Honorary Street Sign will be attached below the actual street name and Honorary Sign will be brown in color.

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

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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



To
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL
City of Savannah
P.O. Box 1027
Savannah, Ga 31402

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

I respectfully request your Honorable Body to consider our request to have a street named in honor of Coach Ronald Booker.

Coach Ronald Booker graduated from Alfred Ely Beach Highschool In 1964. He was a member of the Georgia High School State Championship team for basketball In both 1963 and 1964. Coach Ronald Booker has been married to his wife, Mrs. Ruby Booker, for 55 years. They had 3 children together, Including the late Monica Booker. They also have 5 grandchildren, Including one who Is recently deceased, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Coach Booker had been the Head Coach of the Alfred Ely Beach High School "Lady Bulldogs" for 34 years. He has also served as an assistant coach for the boys' basketball team as well as serving as the Athletic Director. The Lady Bulldogs, under Coach Booker's leadership, have won 786 games and only lost 190 games. Under his leadership, the Lady Bulldogs basketball team earned 12 Sub-Region "B" titles, 19 3-AAAA and 3 AAAAA Region Championships. The team has 9 Christmas Invitational Tournament Championships and has been undefeated in the Joe Greene Tip-off Classic for 30 out of 33 years. The Lady Bulldogs have made 30 GHSA State Basketball Tournaments, where they won the 1999-2000 Girls State Championship.

The "Lady Bulldogs", also under Coach Booker's leadership, has won 21 or more games 27 times. His teams have been ranked by the Atlanta Constitution in the states "Top 10" of the State of Georgia for 26 seasons. Coach Ronald Booker was named The Savannah Area Coach of the Year 11 times, and the GACA Region Coach of the Year 21 times. He was the GHSA Coach of the Year for the state of Georgia In 1999 and 2000.





During his coaching career, he has also coached football, baseball, volleyball, softball, and track; giving of himself for 34 years as an educator and coach. Coach Booker officially retired from Alfred Ely Beach High School in 2015. Following his retirement from A. E. Beach High School, he was summoned to become a Special Assistant Coach to the Head women's basketball coach at Savannah State University. Coach Booker was a graduate of the then Savannah State College In 1971. He coached at Savannah State University from 2013-2020 and assisted in winning the MEAC Championship in 2015.

In the 36 years of his teaching career, Coach Booker has been recognized as a Teacher of the Year In 1995, 1999, and 2001. He has been honored for his work with the youth of Savannah by volunteering at the John S. Delaware Center and other civic organizations. He has been a member of the Connors Temple Baptist Church for 48 years. He has been Inducted Into the A. E. Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Booker has coached and been a father figure to over 1,500 or more student-athletes. He always said that each player was a student first, then an athlete. He also stressed that education was the most important to becoming successful in life. Those words were always taken to heart. From his coached teams, he produced: nurses, teachers, policemen/women, lawyers, coaches, business owners, military leaders, and homeland security, among other prominent occupations.

Coach Ronald Booker is a man of integrity, that is well deserving of recognition. We hope that you will consider our request to honor him in this way.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Swindell



**City of Savannah
Name Change Petition Form**

Page ___ of ___.

I (We) plan to request a name change with Savannah's City Council through the City Manager's Office.

I (We) understand that our address will change if a permanent street name request is approved by City Council.

Present Name: Hopkins Street

Proposed Name: Coach Ronald Booker Way

This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Owner		Tenant	
		Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
✓ 3001 Hopkins	<i>Craig Duff</i>	✓			
✓ 2906 Hopkins St	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
✓ 1023 W. 44th St	<i>Eddie Hampton</i>	✓			
✓ 2702 Hopkins Street	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
✓ 2704 Hopkins Street	<i>Kachel Singleton</i>	✓			
✓ 8116 Hopkins Street	<i>Bernice</i>	✓			
✓ 2808 Hopkins Street	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
✓ 3010 Hopkins Street	<i>Khalil Watson</i>	✓			
✓ W 45th St	<i>Rev Paul E. Smith</i>	✓			
✓ 2812 Hopkins St	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

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 adjacent to 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 adjacent to 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
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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.