



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing (X) Amending

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Mr. Osman Sharif

Date(s): Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Official Street Name(s): Brother Osman Sharif Way

Ceremonial Intersection Name: Intersection of Alexander Street and South Orange Avenue

Sponsor: Council President, Mildred C. Crump

Additional Information:

Original Resolution 7R8-b(AS) adopted on June 10, 2020

WHEREAS, by Resolution 7R8-b(AS) adopted on June 10, 2020, the Municipal Council approved a ceremonial street designation for “Brother Osman Sharif Way” located at the intersection of Spruce Street and Irving Turner Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to amend the location of the ceremonial street designation to the intersection of Alexander Street and South Orange Avenue as “Brother Osman Sharif Way”.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6PDF-e, adopted on May 20, 2015, authorizes the designation of an intersection, etc. for honorary and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osman Sharif, was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, but migrated to Newark in his early years and attended the Newark School system graduating from Charlton Elementary School, Cleveland Junior High School and West Side High school, before joining the Air Force and honorably discharged in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Brother Sharif, as he was known throughout Newark’s Muslim community, was a devoted follower and leader in the Nation of Islam. He was one of the most respected members of the Nation of Islam community and gained further respect when he was unjustly incarcerated for trying to cleanse the Newark community of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, after twenty (20) years of unlawful solitary confinement at the Management Control Unit (MCU) at Trenton State Prison, his successful class action lawsuit against the New Jersey Department of Corrections provided monetary compensation to over forty-eight (48) other inmates in 2001. His endearing legacy as a man of unwavering integrity and unquestionable love and commitment to his family, friends and community will be forever remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council hereby amends the intersection from Spruce Street and Irving Turner Boulevard and authorizes the honorary and ceremonial renaming to the intersection of Alexander Street and South Orange Avenue as “Brother Osman Sharif Way”.
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Alexander Street and South Orange Avenue in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This resolution amends the intersection from Spruce Street and Irving Turner Boulevard and authorizes the honorary and ceremonial renaming to the intersection of Alexander Street and South Orange Avenue as “Brother Osman Sharif Way”, for honorary and ceremonial purposes.