



Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

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

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali

Date(s): Saturday, November 16, 2024

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Aldine Street and Lyons Avenue

Ceremonial Intersection Name: Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali Way

Sponsor: Council Member, Patrick O. Council

Additional Information:

The Ceremonial Street Dedication will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

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

WHEREAS, Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali, known as the 'Pastor in the Hood', an internet radio APAL Co-host, author of "When a Father Fails" and "Trapped and Looking for An Exit", a community activist, counselor, teacher, and preacher with an urban twist. A native of Northern New Jersey he served as Pastor of New Psalmist Worship Center. He was clinically trained and educated in the Newark, Orange and Hillside Public School systems. He attended several higher learning centers and held a Doctorate of Divinity Degree in Holistic Theology; and

WHEREAS, Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali, was the past President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity and served as the Spiritual Counselor for the Newark Anti-Violence Coalition; as well as on numerous boards: the Board of The Newark Community Health Centers, Inc.; CCRB; UMDNJ Bio-Ethics; UMDNJ Institutional Review Board; NJ AIDS Partnership and Irvington Counseling Center. He also served as President of the City of Irvington's Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali, was much more than a Preacher behind the pulpit. He was a constant presence, sharing joys, comforting those in sorrow, and walking alongside those on their journeys of faith. His office door was always open, his phone always on, and his heart always ready to listen; and

WHEREAS, Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali, had a profound impact on his community, believing that the church's mission extended beyond its walls and he led by example. He was actively involved in outreach programs, championed causes for social justice, and collaborated with other community leaders to make a positive difference in the lives of the marginalized and the voiceless.

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

1. The Municipal Council does hereby authorize the honorary and ceremonial renaming of the intersection of Aldine Street and Lyons Avenue as “Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali Way”.
2. The official name of the said street shall remain Aldine Street and Lyons Avenue in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of Aldine Street and Lyons Avenue as “Overseer Dr. Bryant R. Ali Way”, for honorary and ceremonial purposes.