

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Turner**

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council has enacted Section 2-3 of the Wilmington City Code regarding the authorization and procedures for naming City streets, parks, playgrounds, plazas, buildings, facilities, statues, monuments, and other lands reserved for public use in order to commemorate a particular person and his/her special significance to the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3 states that if it is proposed that a part of, or any facility within, a street or reserved land that is subject to this section be named or renamed in honor of or dedicated to any person, place or event that is different from the rest of it or that is different than that within which it is located, such naming or renaming may be done by resolution of City Council pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, while retaining the name of the rest of the street or park or other reserved land within which the park facility or object so dedicated is located; and

WHEREAS, the Matt Chittum Court, located in the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center on the corner of 5th and Madison Streets in Wilmington, was last year named in honor of Mr. Chittum, a lifelong resident of West Center City and former basketball star; and

WHEREAS, since that renaming last year, a multitude of conversations have taken place on the topic of how to best honor those who carry special significance to the West Center City community; and

WHEREAS, those conversations have revealed the interest of the community in renaming the basketball court “West Center City Court,” honoring significant West Center City residents as well as the history and culture of this vibrant Wilmington neighborhood. This

proposed renaming has the blessing of Mr. Chittum and the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council wishes to remember and honor all those who have utilized the basketball court over the years by renaming the basketball court the “West Center City Court” in honor of the former community center’s name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council hereby resolves to rename the indoor basketball court at the Williams “Hicks” Anderson Community Center the “West Center City Court.”

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves the renaming of the indoor basketball court at the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center the “West Center City Court.”