

AN ORDINANCE TO RENAME THE 4TH AND RODNEY "TOT LOT" AFTER PASTOR LOTTIE LEE-DAVIS

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Sponsor:

Council
Member

B. Fields

Co-Sponsor:

Council
Members

Johnson
McCoy

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-3(a) authorizes City Council to rename City parks reserved for public use in order to commemorate persons, places or events of historic, cultural, governmental, or social significance to the City, its residents, neighborhoods, and communities, and their respective history and heritage in accordance with § 2-3(b); and

WHEREAS, one Wilmingtonian worthy of such an honor is Pastor Lottie Lee-Davis, who tragically was killed in a car accident on September 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Lee-Davis, following in her mother Pastor Essie Lee's footsteps, was a lifelong parishioner and pastor at the Be Ready Jesus is Coming Apostolic Church, located at 1411 West 4th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805; and

WHEREAS, the 4th and Rodney "Tot Lot," a child's playground, located 314 North Rodney Street, at the corner of 4th Street and North Rodney Street, is directly across from the Church where Pastor Lee-Davis preached; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Lee-Davis was an integral member of the Westside community. She was a perennial leader, involved in many projects that would assist the Westside community, including, but not limited to, the Westside Park Revitalization of Rodney Street, Connell and Father Tucker Parks, Lazarus House, Esther's Place Transitional Housing, and Solomon's Court; and

WHEREAS, numerous community groups, including Westside Grows Together, Westside Friends of the Parks, Westside Coalition, and the 4th Street Visionaries, support and recommend the City rename the 4th and Rodney Tot Lot in Pastor Lee-Davis's honor; and

WHEREAS, City Council, via a May 26, 2022, e-mail, advised the City Planning Commission it intends to rename the 4th and Rodney "Tot Lot" after Pastor Lee-Davis; and

WHEREAS, at its July 19, 2022, regular meeting, the City Planning Commission, by its Resolution 7-22, recommended that the 4th and Rodney "Tot Lot" be renamed the "Lottie Lee-Davis Tot Lot"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the meaningful and demonstrative impact that this prominent Wilmingtonian has had on her community, City Council wishes to rename the 4th and Rodney "Tot Lot" as the "Lottie Lee-Davis Tot Lot."

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. City Council hereby renames the 4th and Rodney "Tot Lot" as the "Lottie Lee-Davis Tot Lot."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading..... August 25, 2022
Second Reading..... August 25, 2022
Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance renames the 4th and Rodney “Tot Lot” as the “Lottie Lee-Davis Tot Lot.”

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this Ordinance.