



RESOLUTION NO. 41824

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION conferring the honorary street name "Curtis E. Montgomery
3 Street" for South "G" Street between South 19th Street and South 21st
4 Street.

5 WHEREAS the Mayor's Office, on behalf of the Public Works Department,
6 is facilitating an honorary street naming request submitted by Greater Christ
7 Temple Church and the family of Bishop Curtis E. Montgomery on October 22,
8 2025, and

9 WHEREAS in accordance with Resolution No. 41009, which is related to
10 the City's Policy on Place Names and Name Changes, honorary street naming
11 requests for roadways are to be reviewed as follows:
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13 (1) By an ad hoc work group consisting of representatives from
14 designated City Departments which determines if the City's naming criteria has
15 been met and makes a recommendation in support of or against the naming
16 application (Section 3, Subsection 4.b.ii);
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18 (2) At the work group's recommendation as shared with the City
19 Attorney's Office for legal review (Section 3, Subsection 4.b.iii); and

20 (3) The naming request is typically presented to the Infrastructure,
21 Planning, and Sustainability Committee and the Committee makes a
22 recommendation and forwards the request to Council for further consideration
23 (Section 3, Subsection 4.c.i.-iii.), and
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1 WHEREAS the request for honorary street naming of South “G” Street as
2 “Curtis E. Montgomery Street” has been reviewed by the entities designated in
3 Resolution No. 41009, and these departments have confirmed the application
4 meets the City’s naming criteria, and have given recommendations in support of
5 the naming application, and
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7 WHEREAS if adopted, two two-sided honorary street name signs—with
8 a brown background color as expected for street naming of this type—will
9 be added to existing street signs at the corners of South 19th Street and South “G”
10 Street and South 21st Street and South “G” street, along with an official two-sided
11 South “G” Street name sign with the customary green background, and
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13 WHEREAS Resolution No. 41009 recommends the City Council consider a
14 number of criteria when evaluating naming proposals, including historical
15 significance, civil service, and equity, inclusion, and reconciliation, and
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17 WHEREAS throughout his ministry and community work, Bishop Curtis E.
18 Montgomery embodied the City’s values of equity, inclusion, and reconciliation,
19 and he welcomed and served people from all walks of life, fostering unity during
20 times of deep social division and working to bridge generational, racial, and
21 economic gaps, and
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23 WHEREAS through his advocacy, support for social work education, and
24 the inclusive programming at both Greater Christ Temple Church and the Oasis of
25 Hope Center, Bishop Montgomery advanced opportunities for marginalized
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1 communities and helped create spaces where healing, belonging, and shared
2 purpose could take root, and

3 WHEREAS Bishop Montgomery demonstrated exemplary civil service
4 leadership through decades of hands-on support to families, youth, and vulnerable
5 community members, and his vision and persistence brought the Oasis of Hope
6 Center to life, one of the Hilltop's most significant privately funded community
7 facilities, which continues to offer essential services, childcare, and programs that
8 strengthen families today, and

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10 WHEREAS Bishop Montgomery's leadership was further honored by the
11 University of Washington Tacoma through the establishment of a scholarship fund
12 in his name, reflecting the lasting impact of his mentorship and commitment to
13 developing future community leaders, and

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15 WHEREAS Bishop Montgomery's nearly five decades of spiritual leadership
16 and community stewardship on the City's Hilltop establish him as a figure of
17 enduring historical importance, and as one of the City's great spiritual titans, he
18 played a stabilizing and unifying role during pivotal eras from the civil rights
19 movement of the 1960s to the gang and drug crises of the 1980s providing
20 guidance, advocacy, and hope to thousands, and

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22 WHEREAS Bishop Montgomery's legacy is woven into the City's history
23 through the institutions he built, the lives he transformed, and the recognition he
24 received as one of the City's historic treasures; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the Council of the City of Tacoma hereby confers the honorary street name of "Curtis E. Montgomery Street" for South "G" Street between South 19th Street and South 21st Street.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney