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City of Fort Lauderdale
Attn: Mr. Heslop Daley
Department of Transportation and Mobility

VIA EMAIL

To whom it may concern:

It is an honor to propose to the Mayor and City Commission of Fort Lauderdale that a street be named to recognize Mr. Wayne Huizenga on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 29, 2012, for his outstanding and positive contributions to the image and enhancement of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attached herewith please find a long version and abbreviated version of the personal resume of Mr. Huizenga setting forth his extraordinary international business achievements, most of which were headquartered in the City of Fort Lauderdale, including several New York Stock Exchange companies and three professional Major League teams.

His business career is unprecedented, again as demonstrated by the recitations and resume including but not limited to Waste Management, Blockbuster Entertainment, Republic Services and AutoNation.

Also, we are all aware of his leadership in bringing the professional baseball team—the Florida Marlins—and professional hockey team—the Florida Panthers—to South Florida. Additionally his ownership of the Miami Dolphins for many years brought prestige to our City.

What is not in the resume is his extraordinary philanthropic activities and community involvement during the past twenty years. He, along with his wife Marti and his Family Foundation, have supported an unending list of civic and charitable causes, many of which have been anonymous. Including the more noteworthy is his history of support for the Performing Arts Center, the Homeless Assistance Center, the

Salvation Army, Nova University, Boys and Girls Club of South Florida, and on and on and on.

As he attains the milestone of his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 29, 2012, I respectfully suggest the Commission to give public recognition to this long history of growth and expansion of the business community under his leadership and the unparalleled philanthropic activities by renaming, as a secondary name, Southeast 9<sup>th</sup> Street from U.S. Highway 1 to Cordova Road in Rio Vista where he resides.

I would suggest the secondary name to become Wayne Huizenga Boulevard.

I hereby commit to pay all costs associated with this renaming and designation on the street signs.

Many thanks for your consideration, and I'm available to be of whatever assistance required. My mobile phone number is 954.309.0076.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Blosser

cc: Commissioner RC Rogers

Mr. Lee Feldman, Fort Lauderdale City Manager

Mr. David Solomon

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Dr. Warren Sturman, Rio Vista Association

## H. Wayne Huizenga

H. Wayne Huizenga is Chairman of Huizenga Holdings, Inc., a private money management firm, and is the sole or majority owner of several service businesses. He has numerous real estate interests throughout Florida that include office buildings, warehouses, shopping centers, marinas and underdeveloped real estate acreage.

Mr. Huizenga has had an unprecedented business career as an entrepreneur. He is the only person in America to be responsible for six companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange and to have founded three Fortune 500 companies. He created Waste Management, Inc., the global leader in the waste industry, as well as the third largest U.S. waste disposal company, Republic Services. Additionally, he was the CEO of Blockbuster Entertainment, the global leader in video entertainment; and the founder of AutoNation, Inc., the country's first and world's largest public automotive dealership. He was also founder of Boca Resorts, Inc., an owner and operator of luxury resorts in South Florida, and co-founder of Extended Stay America, which operated in the lodging industry in many areas around the United States.

Mr. Huizenga was responsible for bringing Major League Baseball to South Florida in 1993, serving as Chairman of the Florida Marlins through 1998, and under his direction the Marlins won the World Series in 1997. He also brought the National Hockey League to South Florida, serving as Owner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Panthers for the first eight years (1993-2001) of that team's existence, including the 1995-96 season when they reached the Stanley Cup finals. Mr. Huizenga was the owner of the National Football League's Miami Dolphins for 19 years. He recently sold 95% of the team and remains a minority partner.

Mr. Huizenga's numerous entrepreneurial achievements were recognized by the Horatio Alger Association who presented him with their top honor, along with Henry Kissinger and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Business and academic groups have honored Mr. Huizenga seven times as "Entrepreneur of the Year." In 2004 he received the Ernst & Young United States Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and he was honored with the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2005. In recognition of his creation of the nation's largest retailer of cars and trucks, he was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2006.

He is a five-time recipient of Financial World Magazine's "CEO of the Year" and was named the "Business Leader of the Year" by Georgetown University's Business School. Among Mr. Huizenga's other awards are the Yale University's Gordon Grand Fellow Award, the highest non-academic award bestowed by the school, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City's International Entrepreneur of the Year. He is a member of NOVA Southeastern University's Board of Trustees and recently provided the resources to establish the Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at the University. He has been inducted into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, the Greater Miami Sports Hall of Champions and the Broward County Hall of Fame.

Mr. Huizenga's community involvement has included membership in many civic organizations, including the Florida Council of 100, the Florida Council on Economic Education, the Salvation Army of Broward County and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

Mr. Huizenga and wife, Marti, live in Fort Lauderdale. They have four children: Wayne, Jr., Ray, Scott and Pam and eight grandchildren.

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H. Wayne Huizenga is Chairman of Huizenga Holdings, Inc., a private investment firm, which has ownership in several service businesses. He has numerous real estate interests throughout South Florida that include retail centers, marinas and undeveloped real estate. Wayne is the only person ever to be responsible for six NYSE-listed companies, including four Fortune 500 companies.

Wayne had the distinction of owning three major sports franchises in a single market. He brought Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League to South Florida and was the majority owner of the Miami Dolphins for 19 years where he remains a minority owner.

He is a member of Nova Southeastern University's Board of Trustees and has been inducted into the Florida and Broward County Sports Halls of Fame and the Greater Miami Sports Hall of Champions. He has been honored with the Horatio Alger Award, named the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year and Broward Man of the Centennial.

Wayne's community involvement includes giving generously of time and money to Boys and Girls Clubs, Florida Council of 100 and Florida Council on Economic Education, among many others.

Wayne and his wife, Marti, have four children and eight grandchildren.