

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ADDING "REV DR C W BELL JR LN" AS THE SECONDARY STREET NAME TO THE SEGMENT OF NORTHWEST 23RD LANE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 22ND STREET AND NORTHWEST 26TH STREET AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Willie Cleveland Bell, Jr., ("Reverend Bell") was born on October 16, 1932, in Pompano Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Reverend Bell subsequently moved to Oakland Park, Florida, after marrying Ms. Vera Mae Edwards and together, they raised twelve children; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 to 2018, Reverend Bell served as the pastor of the Greater New Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, during his sixty-six (66) years of ministerial teaching, Reverend Bell mentored and inspired many to join the ministry and become pastors and church leaders nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bell was an avid participant in various congregational associations and groups, such as the Florida General Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, and the United Missionary Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bell held several positions as part of the Seaboard Baptist Association, including serving as Moderator from 1990 to 1996 and he supported many community initiatives such as the weekly homeless ministry and food distributions, neighborhood activities and events, and toy drives for hospitalized children; and

WHEREAS, as a supporter of higher education, Reverend Bell provided scholarship opportunities for many local high school graduates, as well as college students, to assist them in continuing their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2022, at eighty-nine (89) years of age, Reverend Bell passed away; and

WHEREAS, because of Reverend Bell's significant accomplishments and positive contributions to his community in the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale wishes to designate the segment of Northwest 23rd Lane, between

Northwest 22nd Street and Northwest 26th Street, to also be known as “Rev Dr C W Bell Jr Ln”, as the secondary street name; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 23rd Lane will be retained as the primary street name;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the segment of Northwest 23rd Lane, between Northwest 22nd Street and Northwest 26th Street, shall also be known as, “Rev Dr C W Bell Jr Ln”.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Traffic Engineer for future inclusion in the “Official Map of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.”

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City Engineer for future inclusion in the “Official Map of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.”

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

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ATTEST:

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