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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07-040

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE

(Changing "Plantation Point" to "River Birch Lane")

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Ordinance constitutes an exercise of the City's home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-80-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-80-19) provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may name originally and then change the name of any street, avenue, alley, or other public place; and

WHEREAS, the City heretofore originally named a certain street "Plantation Point," said street intersecting E. Castlerock Drive within the Stone Creek Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the developer of Stone Creek, The Atkins Group, used a naming convention for the streets throughout the subdivision whereby the streets were named for golf courses; and

WHEREAS, "Plantation Point" was named for a golf course in Scottsboro, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the name Plantation Point is a hurtful reminder of this country's past practices of enslaving human beings; and

WHEREAS, certain residents of Plantation Point have petitioned the City to change the name of their street to "River Birch Lane"; and

WHEREAS, the name River Birch would continue the street naming convention in Stone Creek by using the name of golf courses located in both Idaho and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the name River Birch Lane is appropriate because it complements the City's Tree City designation and because the River Birch tree species is present both along this street and throughout Stone Creek; and

WHEREAS, City staff have reviewed the name for conflicts with both internal and external stakeholders, including the United States Postal Service and METCAD, and have found none; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities, after due consideration, find that the best interests of the City are served by changing the name of Plantation Point to River Birch Lane; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 11-80-19, no change in the name of any street, avenue, alley or other public place is effective until 30 days after the corporate authorities give notice of such change to the election authorities having jurisdiction in the area in which the name of the public place is changed and the post office branch serving that area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

The street originally named Plantation Point be and is hereby renamed River Birch Lane.

Section 2.

The appropriate records of the City, including all maps that are part of the City's Geographic Information System, shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect the name change.

Section 3.

The proper officers, employees, and agents of the City are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver all documents and instruments as may be necessary to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance in accordance with its terms.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5.

Upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Ordinance, by registered or certified mail, to the Champaign County Clerk and to the post office branch serving the area in which the name of the public place is changed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the City Clerk notifies the appropriate election authorities and post office branch, in accordance with Section 11-80-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the corporate authorities (5 of 8 votes) of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said corporate authorities.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 27th day of July, 2020.

AYES:

Colbrook, Hursey, Miller, Roberts, Wu

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 28th day of July, 2020.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor



CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
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COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN)	

I, Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and keeper of the records, files and seal of said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE (CHANGING "PLANTATION POINT" TO "RIVER BIRCH LANE") [ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07-040]

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, on the 27th day of July, AD, 2020, as it appears in the records and files in my office remaining.

Given under my hand and seal of said City of Urbana, Illinois, this 28th day of July, AD, 2020.



Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk