

Williams / Booker

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 35

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR NIKOLIC

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF KENTUCKY DRIVE AND BOOKER AVENUE WITH A SECONDARY AND HONORARY NAME OF “REVEREND CLAUDIE WILLIAMS, JR. WAY”

WHEREAS, Reverend Claudie Williams, Jr. has faithfully served the Oakwood Village community as the long-time Pastor of Rome Missionary Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams has been the pastor of the Rome Missionary Baptist Church in Oakwood Village, Ohio since May 1984. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Historical Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. C. T. Nelson. While a member of the Beulah Baptist Church of Collinwood, he received his *Call to the Ministry* under the pastorate of the late Rev. Emery Woods in 1982; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams is a part of several ministerial and community groups. He is an active member and past-president of The Baptist Minister’s Conference of Cleveland & Vicinity, the United Pastor’s in Missions of Greater Cleveland. He now presently holds the office of First Vice-President of The Baptist Pastor’s Council of Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a member of the United Pastor’s in Missions of Greater Cleveland. He is a Life Member of The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Cleveland Chapter [SCLC], and a member of the NAACP; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams is a native of Cleveland, Ohio where he attended the Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from Glenville High School. He was awarded an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Cuyahoga Community College and attended Cleveland State University. He was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams served in the United States Navy and was Honorably discharged in 1970; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams was employed by the Cleveland Clinic, where he held a position in the Organ Preservation Laboratory involved in research and the Kidney Transplantation program of Northeast Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams has been married since September 9, 1977 to Sandra R. Williams and is the father of three children; Claudette Nicole (Jude) McDonald, Charles Emery (Marilyn), and Christopher Chad (deceased); grandfather of Christian Xavier, Raven Simone, Amari Shaheim, Riane Mackenzie, Ari Nycole, Charles Jr. (C.J.), and Carter Lee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kentucky Drive between its intersection with Tryon Road and Booker Avenue and Booker Avenue between its intersection with Kentucky Drive and Lamson Road be

and hereby are designated with the secondary and honorary name of "Reverend Claudie Williams, Jr. Way".

SECTION 2. Council hereby authorizes the erection of street signs bearing the foregoing secondary and honorary name.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 4-28-2026

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Jeune Drayton
Jeune Drayton, Interim Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor 4-29-2024

Approved: 4/30/2024

Erica Y. Nikolic
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Jeune Drayton, Interim Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026 - 35 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 28th day of APRIL, 2026.

Jeune Drayton
Jeune Drayton, Interim Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Jeune Drayton, Interim Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 - 35 was duly posted on the 30th day of APRIL, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

Jeune Drayton
Jeune Drayton, Interim Clerk of Council

DATED: 4-30-2024