

Legislation Text

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1. Background

The Department of Public Service, Division of Infrastructure Management recently received a request from Byers, Minton, & Associates, on behalf of The Ohio Quarter Horse Association, to rename a section of Zumstein Drive, from the intersection with Mediterranean Avenue to the current north terminus of Zumstein Drive, to "Quarter Horse Drive".

OQHA agrees to pay the City \$364.67, to be deposited in Fund 7748, project P537650, for the cost of replacing the street sign for the section of Zumstein Drive to be renamed.

The Ohio Quarter Horse Association (OQHA) has recently purchased a building at 6325 Zumstein Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The Association intends to relocate its headquarters and staff to this new location from current location in Richwood, Ohio. The All-American Quarter Horse Congress, hosted by OQHA, is the largest single-breed horse show in the world. This annual event, held on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center, runs for 25 days and attracts more than 650,000 people to Columbus each year. The event produces an annual economic impact to Columbus of more than \$275 million.

OQHA decided to relocate its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio to be closer to its main venue for the Congress and allow it to continue focusing on growth of the event by providing even greater service to Congress patrons, sponsors, and exhibitors. The abovementioned request will allow citizens to recognize OQHA's presence and commitment to the City and make way-finding to its new headquarters easier for members and business partners.

The proposed name, "Quarter Horse Drive", conforms to the Division's current street naming convention and has been reserved until such time that this request has been completed or denied. The Division of Infrastructure Management has circulated concurrent notification to the City's Historic Preservation Office, and Divisions of Fire, Police, Refuse, Street Maintenance, and Infrastructure Management without objection. The Division of Infrastructure Management has obtained concurrence from adjoining property and business owners whose current addresses might be affected by this street renaming.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

No funding is required for this ordinance.

3. EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION

Emergency action is requested to allow OQHA to relocate its headquarters and update all necessary business information as soon as possible, thereby allowing OQHA necessary time to prepare for future events.

To rename a section of Zumstein Drive to Quarter Horse Drive; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Service, Division of Infrastructure Management, recently received a request from Byers, Minton, & Associates, on behalf of The Ohio Quarter Horse Association, to rename a section of Zumstein Drive from the intersection with Mediterranean Avenue to the current north terminus of Zumstein Drive as "Quarter Horse Drive"; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Quarter Horse Association (OQHA) has recently purchased a building at 6325 Zumstein Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The Association intends to relocate its headquarters and staff to this new location from the current location in Richwood, Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, the abovementioned request will allow citizens to recognize OQHA's presence and commitment to the City and make way-finding to its new headquarters easier for members and business partners; and

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WHEREAS, the Division of Infrastructure Management has obtained concurrence from adjoining property and business owners whose current addresses might be affected by this street renaming; and

WHEREAS, OQHA agrees to pay the City \$364.67 as the cost of replacing the street sign; and

WHEREAS, OQHA has satisfactorily completed all of the requirements for renaming of a city street; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Service in that it is necessary to immediately rename the referenced street in order to prevent delay in completing applicant's relocating its headquarters and staff; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Service is hereby authorized to execute those documents necessary to rename a section of Zumstein Drive from the intersection with Mediterranean Avenue to the current north terminus of Zumstein Drive as "Quarter Horse Drive".

SECTION 2. That the Ohio Quarter Horse Association agrees to pay the City \$364.67 as the cost of replacing the street sign, to be deposited in Fund 7748, project P537650, for renaming a section of Zumstein Drive from the intersection with Mediterranean Avenue to the current north terminus of Zumstein Drive as "Quarter Horse Drive".

SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.