

# COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

ORDINANCE No. 2020-38

By Jim Maxwell Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

## AN ORDINANCE

**CHANGING THE NAME OF WESLEY DRIVE, FROM NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EMERSON DRIVE TO THE NORTH TERMINATION OF WESLEY DRIVE AT DORA LEE PAYNE PARK, TO MOUNT ZION WAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded in 1919 by Martha Ferrell and James and Nellie Harris and is the oldest predominately African American church in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Zion first met in the Harris home at the corner of Sheldon and Eastland Roads and then rotated among the homes of members until Archie Dunham of the Dunham Foundry offered a converted warehouse on Pearl Street – current site of the Cleveland Browns Training Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Mount Zion met in several locations, including the basement of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church at the corner of Front Street and Second Avenue, to accommodate its growing congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, a church was built at 572 Pearl Street in 1926, and rebuilt in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Zion Church is building a new church on Permanent Parcel No. 361-21-050, at the corner of Emerson and Wesley Drives, on property owned by the Cleveland Browns Football Company, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the completion of the building project, the Cleveland Browns Football Company, LLC will transfer ownership of Permanent Parcel No. 361-21-050 to Mount Zion Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received a petition from Sherrie Phelps, Trustee Chair for Mount Zion Church, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein, requesting that the City rename the portion of Wesley Drive from north of the intersection of Emerson Drive to the north termination of Wesley Drive at Dora Lee Payne Park, to Mount Zion Way, as designated in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City also received a petition from the Cleveland Browns Football Company, LLC, attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein, requesting that the City rename the portion of Wesley Drive from north of the intersection of Emerson Drive to the north termination of Wesley Drive at Dora Lee Payne Park, to Mount Zion Way, and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Zion has been an integral member of the Berea community, offering counseling and support to all, representing diversity and inclusion and welcoming everyone who seeks to worship and learn; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of their invaluable contributions to this community including over a century of service to Berea and its residents, upon petition of Mount Zion Church and the Cleveland Browns Football Company, LLC, the Mayor and Council of the City of Berea wish to officially rename the portion of Wesley Drive, from north of the intersection of Emerson Drive to the north termination of Wesley Drive at Dora Lee Payne Park, to Mount Zion Way; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Berea upon hearing, finds that there is good cause for such a name change and that it will not be detrimental to the general interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Berea, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio:

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**SECTION 1.** That in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 723.04, the name of Wesley Drive, extending from north of the intersection of Emerson Drive to the north termination of Wesley Drive at Dora Lee Payne Park, be changed to Mount Zion Way.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to legally change the street name in order to coordinate with the United States Postal Service prior to opening the church. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: September 21, 2020

[Signature]  
President of Council

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 22, 2020

[Signature]  
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]  
Director of Law

## PETITION OF MOUNT ZION CHURCH - EXHIBIT "A"

From: Sherri Phelps <[mtzionberea@yahoo.com](mailto:mtzionberea@yahoo.com)>

Date: 8/12/20 5:56 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Cyril Kleem <[ckleem@cityofberea.org](mailto:ckleem@cityofberea.org)>, Matt Madzy <[mmadzy@cityofberea.org](mailto:mmadzy@cityofberea.org)>

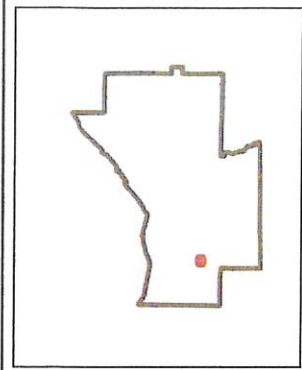
Subject: Renaming Wesley Dr. near church

Good Afternoon Mayor,

I am writing on behalf of Mount Zion Baptist Church to request that the section of Wesley Dr. that runs between Emerson Avenue and dead ends near the church be renamed. We would like it to be called Mount Zion Way. Thanks in advance for looking into this matter for us.

Sincerely,  
Sherri Phelps  
Trustee Chair  
216-470-1565





Date Created: 8/14/2020

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- Platted Centerline
- Parcel

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## PETITION OF CLEVELAND BROWNS FOOTBALL, LLC – EXHIBIT “C”

**From:** Nikolaus, Michael <[MNikolaus@haslamsports.com](mailto:MNikolaus@haslamsports.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 1:27 PM

**To:** Matt Madzy <[mmadzy@cityofberea.org](mailto:mmadzy@cityofberea.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Church Project

Good afternoon Matt – I hope all is going well for you. As we near the close of our Church project, we had one final request. Would it be possible to change Wesley Drive (the area adjacent to the new church) to Mt. Zion Way?

Thx for your consideration,  
Mike

**Michael Nikolaus**

Chief Human Resources Officer

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