

# BEREA CITY COUNCIL

*City of Berea, Ohio*

## ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21

By: Councilman Gene Zacharyasz Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem;  
Council President Jim Maxwell  
Council Members: Brown, Coble,  
Dozier, McManis, Skoczen, Weaver  
& Zacharyasz

### AN ORDINANCE

**ESTABLISHING THAT THE STREET CURRENTLY KNOWN AS MAPLE AVENUE SHALL HEREBY RECEIVE THE HONORARY, SECONDARY NAME OF "FUDALE WAY" IN HONOR OF JAMES (JIM) FUDALE, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE WAY HE, FOR DECADES, MASTERFULLY AND INFLUENTIALLY DIRECTED THE BEREA HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM, INSPIRING COUNTLESS STUDENT PERFORMERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALIKE, AND TRULY DEFINING THE CULTURE OF A HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM THAT CONTINUES TO DISTINGUISH ITSELF AS THE PRIDE OF BEREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, James (Jim) J. Fudale was born in 1932 in Maynard, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school, Mr. Fudale spent two years in the United States Navy before attending Kent State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and, subsequently, a Masters in Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fudale made his home in Berea in 1963 with his wife, Jackie, and children Jean, Jim, Joe, Jeff and Jody, and is now the proud Grandfather of 9 and Great-Grandfather of 6; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fudale began his career in the Berea City School District in 1963, serving as Midpark High School's first band director, and remaining in that position for 11 years until he assumed an Administrative role at Berea High School, before being named Director of Bands; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Pride of Berea" Marching Band that we know and love today, was begun in 1981 under the direction of Mr. Fudale and, in addition to civic and educational events throughout the City and District, the band has performed at 15 Cleveland Browns games, for 3 United States Presidents, on multiple occasions at Disney World and as part of a United Way National Fundraiser; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure at Berea High School, Mr. Fudale was responsible for the Berea Marching Band, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and small ensembles, and both symphonic bands, as well as the Marching Band, received State and National recognition for excellence in performing while under his direction; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fudale's innovation and efforts have been credited with transforming the high school band program, both educationally and financially, namely in establishing the Band Boosters as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, introducing the legendary Hoagie Drive which remains the largest annual fundraiser to date, and instituting the honors option for the high school music curriculum, whereby allowing top performing students to achieve a five point 'A' for music classes, a model concept that was presented at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Convention in Dayton, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Mr. Fudale, and it could be argued his devoted wife, Jackie, who was instrumental in his success and passionately by his side through it all, retired from the Berea City School District after a career that spanned 36 influential and impressive years; and

**WHEREAS**, outside the classroom, Mr. Fudale continued to inspire musicians of all ages, organizing the Berea Community Band which provided residents the opportunity to continue performing as part of an ensemble that was featured during the Summer Concert Series for 17 seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fudale is also credited with helping to establish the location and design of the Berea Gazebo, which served as the home for his Community Band; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fudale is a member of multiple local and national Music Associations and has garnered several awards, including a Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association, and Teacher of the Year in the Berea City School District; and

**WHEREAS**, it is well known and acknowledged by all who enter the Berea-Midpark Music Program that, on a daily basis, the band is encouraged and expected to operate and perform to a standard described as the Fudale Way, and thus it is both fitting and appropriate that Mayor Kleem, Council President Maxwell and the members of Berea City Council wish to honor legendary Berea Band Director Jim Fudale by designating Maple Avenue, the way the band marches to the stadium, as Fudale Way, in recognition of decades of musical inspiration that has brought so much pride to the City and its residents.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the street currently known as Maple Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Fudale Way" in honor of James (Jim) Fudale, and in recognition of the way he, for decades, masterfully and influentially directed the Berea High School Band Program, inspiring countless student performers and community members alike, and truly

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defining the culture of a high school music program that continues to distinguish itself as the pride of Berea.

**SECTION 2.** That 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 actions 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, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and for the further reason that it necessary to begin immediate construction of the street sign plaque so that it can be completed and presented in a timely manner. 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: May 1, 2023

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]  
Asst. Director of Law

[Signature]  
President of Council

APPROVED: May 1, 2023  
[Signature]  
Mayor