



Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving the Change of the Name of Magruder Boulevard in the City of Hampton, to Neil Armstrong Parkway

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong made history by becoming the first man to walk on the moon. On the 50 year anniversary of Neil Armstrong's historic journey to the moon, the City of Hampton is considering renaming Magruder Boulevard to Neil Armstrong Parkway in connection with Hampton's partnership with the NASA Langley Research Center.

Discussion:

See Purpose/Background above.

Impact:

Approximately 11 properties in the City of Hampton would be impacted by re-naming Magruder Boulevard and all have consented. The financial impact to each property owner would be approximately \$7,500.00 to change business addresses, identification signs, letterhead, websites and other items.

VDOT would be required to fabricate and install 3 overhead interstate signs. VDOT's estimated cost for fabrication and installation of these new signs would be approximately \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00 dollars. VDOT would need to close interstate lanes to replace these signs and the VDOT process would take approximately 120 days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

WHEREAS, July 20, 1969, marked the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong becoming the first man to walk on the moon;

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton has a longstanding partnership with NASA Langley Research Center;

WHEREAS, Magruder Boulevard runs through 3.3 miles of the city limits of Hampton;

WHEREAS, eleven properties in the City of Hampton are impacted by the re-naming of Magruder Boulevard and all consent to the re-naming;

WHEREAS, the re-naming will require the fabrication and installation by the Virginia Department of Transportation of three interstate signs at a total cost to the City of approximately \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the re-naming shall be ceremonial upon the adoption of this resolution and will formally take effect on July 1, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA THAT:

1. The 3.3 mile section of Magruder Boulevard located within the city limits of Hampton, Virginia, be renamed "Neil Armstrong Parkway"; and
2. This renaming shall be ceremonial until the formal effective date of July 1, 2021.