

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-1 RELATING TO THE RENAMING OF PARKLAND.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) Pastor Edward Clarence Craig, Jr., (February 24, 1948 - October 2, 2017), was a leader in the Austin community, a friend and advocate for Dove Springs, and a leader in his congregation as it built its new church.
- (B) Pastor Craig brought a determined and dedicated energy to parkland advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for all our City's residents. Through countless hours of volunteer work, with life partner and wife Brenda, family, his congregation, Southeast Austin neighbors, Austin Parks Foundation, Go Austin!/Vamos Austin!, the Southeast Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, among others, he led the Franklin Park Adopt-A-Park team.
- (C) Pastor Craig also reminded the City of the importance of parks as essential to improved health and quality of life, by advocating such before City Council during each budget adoption.
- (D) Because nearby Franklin Park environment was not friendly or safe for children and families, but an under-used park space without activities and necessary tending that open space must have to flourish, Pastor Craig used his energy and creativity to begin turning that park into a beautiful neighborhood asset that all could and would safely visit and enjoy.
- (E) In 1976, as Austin approached the Bicentennial, the Franklin Park Subdivision was officially named.
- (F) In 1983, the City Council passed a parks ordinance officially naming a number of parks according to the geographic location of identified addresses and destinations, and Franklin Park was one of these.

(G) Austin's City Council and Mayor honored Pastor Craig through the December 14, 2017 proclamation of Edward Craig, Jr. Day in Austin.

(H) The City Council desires to continue to recognize Pastor Craig's contributions appropriately and for future remembrance.

PART 2. The name of this 5.3 acre park in Southeast Austin is changed from Franklin Neighborhood Park to Pastor Edward Clarence Craig, Jr. Park and this site will be thus recognized in official City of Austin markers and documents as appropriate.

PART 3. The Council waives the requirements of Code Sections 14-1-37 (*Park Naming Policy*) and 14-1- 39 (*Procedure for Naming or Renaming a Facility*) related to approval of a name for a public facility or property.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2018 §
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 Steve Adler
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney City Clerk