

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) The Franklin Park subdivision, in approaching the Bicentennial, was presented in "...the Spirit of '76!", and that subdivision remains the Franklin Park Subdivision.

