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## 190938

Ordinance

### Rename NE Halsey St Ramp over Interstate 84 to NE Halsey St and rename adjacent portions of NE Halsey St to NE Jonesmore St and NE 81st Ave

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The City of Portland was incorporated on February 8, 1851 without a uniform system of naming streets and with a confusing address numbering system, generally consisting of 20 numbers per block.
2. Portland, East Portland and Albina consolidated on July 1, 1891, further exacerbating the problem of redundant street names in different sectors of the newly consolidated City of Portland. Multiple streets had as many as twelve different block numbering grid locations. On December 24, 1891 visiting City of Chicago Alderman F. Vierling released the recommendations of a Street Committee convened by Mayor William S. Mason for the purposes of improving wayfinding in the City of Portland:
  - A. One name would follow one street clear across the City, rather than have several names in different sections; and
  - B. The oldest of several names would be preserved, the other discarded; and
  - C. There would be baselines dividing the city, and houses would be numbered out from the baselines; and
  - D. North-south streets would be called "avenues" and east-west streets would be called "streets", and highways running diagonally would be called "roads", and
  - E. There would be 100 numbers assigned to each block.
3. The City Council approved Ordinance No. 7263 on January 13, 1892, approving the "Great Renaming of 1891", changing approximately 150

Introduced by

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**Requested Agenda Type**

Regular

street names.

4. The City Council approved Ordinance No. 61325 on September 2, 1931, resulting in Citywide implementation of the recommendations described of Finding No. 2 of this Ordinance.
5. Ordinance No. 61325 has been instrumental in establishing the ease of wayfinding within the City of Portland. Its directive to establish uniform street naming conventions within the street naming grid has been particularly beneficial to wayfinding.
6. There are no costs associated with this street renaming because street signage replacement work is already budgeted as part of the NE Halsey Street Safety and Access to Transit Project. Council passage of this Ordinance merely results in a different street name being affixed to newly-fabricated and installed street signage.
7. These street renamings are City-initiated and current street names will still be in use elsewhere in Northeast Portland.
8. No Historical Landmarks Commission, Design Commission, nor Planning & Sustainability Commission review is planned because the purpose of the street renamings is to eliminate confusion and no street names will be eliminated.
9. Owners of properties abutting the proposed street renamings were notified of the July 13, 2022 City Council hearing on June 7, 2022.
10. The Montavilla Neighborhood Association and the Madison South Neighborhood Association were notified of the proposed street renaming on June 7, 2022.
11. Publication notice of the proposed street renaming was made in the Daily Journal of Commerce on June 8, 2022.
12. The proposed street renamings will bring the street names into compliance with Code Subsection 17.92.030.B while improving wayfinding in the NE Halsey Street corridor in Northeast Portland as depicted in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The entirety of NE Halsey Street Ramp from NE 80th Avenue to west of NE 85th Avenue is renamed to NE Halsey Street as depicted in Exhibit A as of October 1, 2023 or on the earliest practicable date thereafter.
- B. The entirety of NE Halsey Street Ramp from NE 80th Avenue to west of NE 85th Avenue is renamed to NE Halsey Street as of October 1, 2023 as depicted in Exhibit A as of October 1, 2023 or on the earliest practicable date thereafter.

- C. The entirety of NE Halsey Street from NE Halsey Street Ramp east of NE 80th Avenue to NE 81st Avenue is renamed to NE 81st Avenue as of October 1, 2023 as depicted in Exhibit A as of October 1, 2023 or on the earliest practicable date thereafter.
- D. 8301 NE Halsey Street is changed to 8301 NE Jonesmore Street as of October 1, 2023 or the earliest practicable date thereafter.
- E. Code Subsection 17.93.040 B. is waived as notifications identified in Finding Nos. 9 and 10 of this Ordinance were provided by the Portland Bureau of Transportation in lieu of by the City Engineer.
- F. Code Subsection 17.93.040 C. and Code Subsection 17.93.040 D. are waived per Finding Nos. 7 and 8 of this Ordinance.
- G. Code Subsection 17.93.040 E. is waived since replacement of street signs has already been budgeted as part of the NE Halsey Street Safety and Access to Transit Project.
- H. Code Subsection 17.93.040 G. is waived as the hearing was scheduled by the Portland Bureau of Transportation in lieu of by the City Auditor, including required notification of the Council hearing.
- I. The five-year dual signage requirement under Code Subsection 17.93.060 A. is waived because the purpose of the street name changes is to eliminate confusion.
- J. The Bureau of Development Services retains the authority to change any address of properties abutting or accessing the streets proposed for renamings, including but not limited to the current 8301 NE Halsey Street address, as may be necessary to correct a mistake or omission in this Ordinance, or to correct any mistake or omission by the Bureau of Development Services in previously assigning an address number.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) (605.11 Kb)

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council  
July 20, 2022

Auditor of the City of Portland  
Mary Hull Caballero

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

- This Ordinance will standardize street names in the NE Halsey Street corridor between NE 80th Avenue to west of NE 85th Avenue to improve wayfinding. This Ordinance eliminates the confusion of NE Halsey Street changing to NE Halsey Street Ramp and NE Jonesmore Street changing to NE Halsey Street in a forward motion. This occurs near the overpass over Interstate 84. The street renamings will bring all newly-renamed streets into Code compliance that all streets should be designated with the same name for their entire length.

### Financial and Budgetary Impacts

- Total street renaming cost is zero.

### Community Impacts and Community Involvement

- All owners of properties abutting the streets proposed for renaming have been notified of the Council hearing, and the owner of the only property proposed for an address change has previously indicated their support for the street renaming.
- The Montavilla and Madison South Neighborhood Associations are also being notified of the proposed street renamings.

### 100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

### Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

There are no costs associated with this street renaming because street signage replacement work is already budgeted as part of the NE Halsey Street Safety and Access to Transit Project. Council passage of this ordinance merely results in a different street name being affixed to newly-fabricated and installed street signage.

### Agenda Items

#### 624 Regular Agenda in [July 13, 2022 Council Agenda](#)

Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**652 Regular Agenda in [July 20-21, 2022 Council Agenda](#)**

Passed

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea