

SPONSOR: Barry Tyler Jr. 3rd District Councilman
Katrina Alexander, Council At Large

ORDINANCE NO. 9701

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING CECIL JOSEPH HARPER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO HAMMOND'S YOUTH AND DESIGNATING THE 1100 BLOCK OF LYONS STREET AS "HONORARY CECIL J. HARPER WAY"

WHEREAS, Cecil Joseph Harper, or "Doc" Harper was born on January 22, 1931 to Stanley and Jessie Harper in Hammond, Indiana,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper was a teacher and mentor to hundreds of Hammond youth throughout his life,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper was an alum of Hammond High School where he graduated number thirty-two out of six-hundred and sixty students,

WHEREAS, after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, served during the Korean War, and received an honorable discharge,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper attended Southern University where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated in spring of 1952, and Meharry Medical College,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper was featured in the September 1964 edition of Ebony Magazine as the most influential black man in Northwest Indiana for his work as a chemist at Rand McNally, his passion around education, his dedication to mentoring young men and women, and for his career as a teacher in the School City of Hammond,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper could usually be found running or walking around Martin Luther King Jr. Park,

WHEREAS, "Doc" Harper was a faithful servant to God and a longstanding member of The Historic Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church,

WHEREAS, Cecil "Doc" Harper passed away on August 5, 2021 at the age of 90, and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his services and dedication to our community, the council finds it appropriate to acknowledge his contribution to our society by

designating an honorary street in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that it duly recognizes Cecil Joseph Harper for his service to the United States and for his commitment to Hammond's youth and designates the 1100 block of Lyons Street as "Honorary Cecil J. Harper Way"

RESOLVED this 23rd day of February, 2026.



Janet Venecz President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST: 

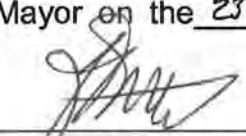
ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 24th day of February, 2026.



ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk

The foregoing ^{Ordinance} ~~Resolution~~ No. 9701 consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 23rd Day of February, 2026.



THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 23rd day of February, 2026.



ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk