

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2012-085

*Approving the honorary naming of the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Williams Street
between Catawba Street and Blossom Street "Tanner Way"*

WHEREAS, University of South Carolina Athletics Director Donald Ray ("Ray") Tanner, Jr. was born in Smithfield, North Carolina on March 25, 1958, is married to the former Karen Donald and has two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie"), and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke"); and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner is a graduate of North Carolina State where he received a Bachelor of Science in Recreational Administration in 1980, and a Masters of Public Affairs in Public Administration in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner's 25-year career as a collegiate head coach has earned him 1,033 wins and a number of honors including being named Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year, Atlantic Region Coach of the Year, and has three times been named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner was named the head coach at the University of South Carolina on June 14, 1996, and in 16 seasons has built a legacy 738-316 record with a .700 winning percentage, the second highest all-time ranking among SEC coaches; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner led the Gamecocks to two NCAA Division I Baseball Championships, a pair of national runner-up finishes, six College World Series appearances, three SEC championships, six SEC Eastern Division titles, an SEC Tournament crown and 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner is a dedicated community leader, having created the Ray Tanner Foundation in 2005 which supports organizations who care for seriously ill children, the homeless and other charitable causes; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Tanner's steadfast commitment to his community, the University of South Carolina and the City of Columbia exemplify our highest traditions of dedication, leadership and service; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED this 21st day of August, 2012 that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia do hereby approve the honorary naming of the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Williams Street between Catawba Street and Blossom Street "Tanner Way". The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin

Mayor

Approved by:

City Manager

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

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