

Ordinance No. 403-2020

By Council Members Conwell, Polensek,
Hairston, Griffin and B. Jones

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Designating East 124th Street between Superior Avenue and Auburndale Avenue with a secondary and honorary designation of “Jane B. Sheats Way”.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cleveland want to honor Jane B. Sheats with a secondary street sign designation of “Jane B. Sheats Way” in recognition of her service as a change maker who sticks with a problem until it is solved since 1955 when she and her husband Marvin purchased their home on East 124th Street in the Glenville area; and

WHEREAS, as president of the street club, Jane B. Sheats first accomplished getting a bus shelter at the end of the street, and next, after working for a year, she got a traffic light installed on Lakeview Avenue for the safety of children crossing to attend neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS, as chairperson of the Cuyahoga County Board of Election, when she questioned why “register to vote here” signs were only posted in the suburbs, it was corrected after a 1976 Cleveland Press article; and as regional manager of the Ohio Lottery Cleveland office she changed how new instant tickets were given to the stores when they came out for the whole state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sheats was honored in the congressional record for being the first African-American in the country to chair a board of election from 1976-1979; and as a member of the Patient Advisory Committee, her five year effort and petition to increase presence of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones helped a building be named after her; and

WHEREAS, Jane B. Sheats is the proud mother of three children, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren with two more coming this year; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That East 124th Street between Superior Avenue and Auburndale Avenue is designated with a secondary and honorary designation of “Jane B. Sheats Way”.

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Councilmember Conwell
5/24/2021

