

Ordinance No. 793-2024

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Designating Herman Avenue between West 65th Street and West 67th Street with a secondary and honorary designation of “Pete Leneghan Way”.

By Council Member Spencer

FOR PASSAGE

August 7, 2024

WHEREAS, Pete Leneghan, one of six children of two hard-working Irish immigrants, owned Stone Mad Pub located at 1306 West 65th Street until his passing on May 29, 2020, at the age of 56 from stage four cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Pete Leneghan bought a run-down bar named R&A Lounge with a vision to establish a meeting place for people of all walks of life and revive a once thriving neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, after three and a half years of renovation, Pete Leneghan and business partner, Eileen Sammon, opened the doors of Stone Mad Pub welcoming everyone and creating a place where a person with five dollars in their pocket could sit next to a person that had millions; and

WHEREAS, to Pete Leneghan, a person’s wealth was not measured by money but by their “rich” conversations and how they treated the person next to them; and

WHEREAS, the first two years that Stone Mad was open, Pete Leneghan did not have a television or any music inside the Pub because he wanted people to enjoy each other’s company; he would say, “This is a place for everyone to “belly up to the bar” and if you can’t converse with the stranger next to you, then this might not be the place for you”; and

WHEREAS, even though Stone Mad is an Irish Pub in an Italian neighborhood, Pete Leneghan embraced the Italian heritage of this community and merged the Irish with the Italian when building Stone Mad with even a bocce ball court inside of an Irish Pub; there are more Italian colors than Irish colors in Stone Mad with White, Orange, and Red in the logo paying homage to both the Italian and Irish cultures; and

WHEREAS, the beauty and attention to detail in and outside Stone Mad Pub are unparalleled – whether artisan interior millwork, hand-laid mosaic tile, or the trademark stone patio which has made the establishment a neighborhood landmark; and

WHEREAS, Pete Leneghan’s vision to revive a once thriving neighborhood with a beautiful history wasn’t finished by opening Stone Mad; he bought seven other properties on this corner with the vision of rebuilding a part of Cleveland and never strayed from his vision, no matter what obstacle was placed in front of him; and

WHEREAS, Pete Leneghan renovated the storefront located at 1307 West 65th Street in 2016 as part of his vision to revive the neighborhood -- even with no immediate plans of what he was going to do with the building, he invested money into restoring the look of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Pete Leneghan’s legacy can live on by naming the corner of West 65th Street and Herman Avenue after him; as the great quote says: “The day a person truly dies, is the day that their name is said for the last time,” and naming this corner after Pete Leneghan ensures that he will never truly die; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cleveland want to honor Pete Leneghan with a secondary street sign designation of “Pete Leneghan Way” in recognition of the immeasurable amount of influence he has had on Gordon Square, especially on West 65th Street; 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 Herman Avenue between West 65th Street and West 67th Street is designated with a secondary and honorary designation of “Pete Leneghan Way”. The sign will be placed on the corner of Herman Avenue and West 65th Street.

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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**REPORT
after Second Reading**

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