

Board Bill Number 199

As Amended

Primary Sponsor: Alderman John Coatar

December 11, 2020

The proposed bill would create the honorary street name Kim Massie Way, beginning at the intersection of South Broadway and Cerre Street and run south on South Broadway to the intersection of South Broadway and Gratiot Street.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 199 AS AMENDED INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN JOHN COATAR/ ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS/ ALDERMAN JEFFREY BOYD/ ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY/ ALDERWOMAN PAMELA BOYD/ ALDERWOMAN LISA MIDDLEBROOK/ ALDERWOMAN SARAH MARTIN

1 Pursuant to **Ordinance 68937**, an ordinance authorizing the honorary street name
2 Kim Massie Way, which shall begin at the intersection of South Broadway and Cerre Street
3 and run south on South Broadway to the intersection of South Broadway and Gratiot Street.

4 **WHEREAS**, Kim Massie was a blues and soul singer who was discovered by St.
5 Louis saxophone great Oliver Sain, and soon afterward she started her own band the Solid
6 Senders; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Kim Massie’s began singing in choirs in East St. Louis, and while
8 she spent her formative years in Cleveland, Ohio she returned to St. Louis in 1999 to pursue
9 her career as a singer; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Kim Massie was a popular performer at music festivals from coast to
11 coast and abroad; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Kim Massie starred in the 2003 St. Louis Black Repertory Theater
13 production Ain’t Nothin’ but the Blues, in 2005 she was awarded the Grand Center
14 Visionary Award, and was honored twice by the Riverfront Times as Best Female Vocalist
15 of the Year,

16 **WHEREAS**, Kim Massie was a Mother, Grandmother, sister, and a friend and
17 mentor to many members of the St. Louis music community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, October 12, 2020 Kim Massie’s life was cut short, but her legacy
2 lives on in the hearts and voices of the many musicians she inspired, and the unforgettable
3 performances she gave her numerous fans; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is for the forgoing reasons that an honorary street name is a fitting
5 and greatly deserved way to honor Kim Massie for her numerous contributions to the St.
6 Louis community.

7 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

8 **SECTION ONE.** Kim Massie Way shall begin at the intersection of South
9 Broadway and Cerre Street and run south on South Broadway to the intersection of South
10 Broadway and Gratiot Street.

11 **SECTION TWO.** Pursuant to **Ordinance 68937**, at least sixty percent of all
12 registered voters and / or persons owning a business on South Broadway and Cerre Street
13 and run south on South Broadway to the intersection of South Broadway and Gratiot Street
14 have signed a petition in support of this honorary street name.

15 **SECTION THREE.** Upon receipt of payment for manufacturing and installing
16 the honorary street signs, the Director of Streets shall install the honorary street signs, Kim
17 Massie Way, at the intersection of South Broadway and Cerre Street and, if funds remain,
18 at the intersection of South Broadway and Gratiot Street.

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