

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

RELATIVE TO INTENT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE 500 BLOCK OF WHIRLPOOL STREET TO SECOND STREET

BY:

Council Chairman Kenny Tompkins

WHEREAS, the 500 block of Whirlpool Street, between Walnut Avenue and Main Street, was originally designated as “Second Street”; and

WHEREAS, due to the removal of a portion of the Niagara Scenic Parkway (formerly the Robert Moses Parkway), the 500 block of Whirlpool Street is no longer being adjoined to the balance of Whirlpool Street; and

WHEREAS, this separation of the 500 block of Whirlpool Street presents ample opportunity to reunite the 500 block of Whirlpool with its historical designation as Second Street; and

WHEREAS, the name, “Second Street” provides navigational continuity to the area, as the 500 block of Whirlpool Street is bordered by First Street to the west and Third Street to the east; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the 500 block of Whirlpool to its former name would reunite the street, and cause less confusion to motorists, pedestrians and tourists looking to traverse Downtown Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, of the eleven (11) properties located on the 500 Block, ten (10) are currently vacant and owned by USA Niagara (who proposed the change as it is currently undertaking a development strategy in the area), and the other is owned by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; thus any name change would not cause a disturbance to existing residents; and

WHEREAS, this Council is of the opinion that said name change is desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that pursuant to Chapter 901.02 of the Codified Ordinances, the City Council does hereby express its intent to change the name of the 500 block of Whirlpool Street to Second Street and will hold a public hearing on said change at 6:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on September 29, 2021 in the Council Chambers; the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the Niagara Gazette at least one once prior to September 29, 2009 a Notice of Intention to change the name of the 500 block of Whirlpool Street to Second Street at this Council's regular meeting scheduled for September 29, 2021.