

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 23-0412

Introduced by: Councilmember Torrence
Introduced and read first time: July 17, 2023
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee
Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: August 21, 2023

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 City Property – Renaming Playground at Hanlon Park After Ruby K. Couch

2 FOR the purpose of changing the name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North
3 Longwood Street, to the Ruby K. Couch Playground.

4 BY authority of

5 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
6 Section 20-2
7 Baltimore City Code
8 (Edition 2000)

9 Recitals

10 Mrs. Ruby K. Couch was a dedicated community leader, known as the “Matriarch of
11 Hanlon”. She was a founding member of the Hanlon Improvement Association and later became
12 president. Mrs. Couch worked diligently to unite the neighborhood by promoting public service,
13 environmental justice, community engagement, youth mentoring, and more. Her extensive
14 volunteer efforts included educational advocacy, political engagement, and increasing resources
15 for the neighborhood’s most vulnerable members. Additionally, much of the beautification and
16 maintenance of Hanlon Park can be attributed to Mrs. Couch’s leadership and organizing efforts.
17 One of Mrs. Couch’s many accomplishments includes helping to secure a historical designation
18 for Hanlon Park. For all of Mrs. Couch’s leadership and activism, this bill renames the Hanlon
19 Park playground as “Ruby K. Couch Playground”.

20 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
21 name of the playground at Hanlon Park, located at 2731 North Longwood Street, is changed to
22 the Ruby K. Couch Playground.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
24 after the date it is enacted.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

Council Bill 23-412

Certified as duly passed this 21 day of August, 2023



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 21 day of August, 2023



Chief Clerk

Approved this 21 day of August, 2023



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for rForm and Legal Sufficiency
This 25th Day of August, 2023.

Elena R DiPietro

Chief Solicitor