

ORDINANCE NO. 20220519-041

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE TITLE 14, CHAPTER 14-1, ARTICLE 4; RENAMING VOLMA OVERTON, SR. SHORES AT TOWN LAKE METRO PARK TO “VOLMA OVERTON, SR. BEACH AT TOWN LAKE METRO PARK”; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE LAMAR BEACH VISION PLAN TO REFLECT THE NEW NAME OF THE PARK.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS

1. Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park is bounded by Lady Bird Lake to the South, Lamar Boulevard to the East, MoPac to the West, and the railroad tracks to the North.
2. Volma Overton, Sr.’s contributions to the City of Austin were critical and transformational. He was a lifelong champion and advocate for civil rights and racial equality. Such advocacy is captured in his leadership role at the National Alliance of Postal Workers, a union comprised of primarily African American maintenance and janitorial workers, where he served as president, as well as his service as the president of the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). During this time, he advocated for racial equality and fairness in the postal system.
3. During his tenure, he organized numerous demonstrations and actions to combat racial inequality, systemic racism, and institutional inequities and his commitment to justice can be seen throughout Central Texas.
4. Volma Overton, Sr. was laid to rest with Military Honors at the Texas State Cemetery alongside governors, senators, legislators, congressional leaders, judges and other legendary Texans. His epitaph reads: "Civil Rights Activist, Humanitarian, Servant to all Mankind, Fighter for Justice for All."
5. Volma Overton, Sr.’s contributions to Austin and Central Texas have been invaluable. He is an integral part of Austin’s history and worthy of high-profile recognition.
6. Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park is a highly visible tract of centrally located land frequented by many Austinites every day. It is an ideal location to highlight

and amplify Volma Overton, Sr.'s commitment to a better and more just Austin. Its location also serves as a prominent space to remind the broader community of the additional work and restorative actions that must be done to honor Volma Overton, Sr.'s legacy and vision for a more equitable and inclusive Austin for all.

7. City Council approved Ordinance No. 20220127-052 to rename Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park as Volma Overton, Sr. Shores at Town Lake Metro Park. The original naming standard for properties around the Town Lake Metro Park area has been that properties on the north side of the lake were named "beach," and properties on the south side of the lake were named "shores." To align with this history and practice a name change is warranted.

PART 2. The City Council waives the requirements of City Code Title 14, Chapter 14-1, Article 4 (*Approval of a Name for a Public Facility or Property*).

PART 3. Volma Overton, Sr. Shores at Town Lake Metro Park is renamed as Volma Overton, Sr. Beach at Town Lake Metro Park.

PART 4. The City Council directs the City Manager to amend the Lamar Beach Vision Plan to reflect the new name of the park.

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on May 30, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED

<p>_____ May 19 _____, 2022</p> <p>APPROVED: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anne L. Morgan City Attorney</p>	<p>§ § §</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Steve Adler Mayor</p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Myrna Rios City Clerk</p>
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