ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS, AS "ODESTHER YOUNG LANE" IN HONOR OF MRS. ODESTHER YOUNG; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET SIGNAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Mrs. **Odesther Young** has been a longtime and beloved resident of the City of Osceola and the Osceola Housing Authority community, residing at **337 Main Street for more than three decades**; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young is recognized as the **longest-residing resident of the Osceola Housing Authority community**, and the Executive Director of the Osceola Housing Authority has recommended that the City recognize Mrs. Young and her extraordinary connection to the Main Street community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young has raised and helped raise **five generations of her family in Osceola**, with generations of her family establishing deep roots at the Main Street residence and throughout the Osceola community; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Mrs. Young's residence on Main Street has served as a gathering place for family, love, guidance, tradition, and memories, creating a legacy that extends far beyond a single residence and represents the importance of family and community in the City of Osceola; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young has previously been recognized for her special place in the Osceola community, having been presented a **Key to the City by former Mayor Dickie Kennemore**; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young has also been recognized by the **Osceola Times as one of Osceola's oldest residents**, reflecting her longstanding connection to the history and generations of this community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that Mrs. Young's decades of residency, her five-generation family legacy, and her enduring connection to Main Street are deserving of a permanent and meaningful tribute; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that officially renaming Main Street as **"Odesther Young Lane"** is a fitting tribute that will preserve Mrs. Young's name and legacy for future generations of Osceola residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. STREET RENAMING.
Main Street, located within the City of Osceola, Arkansas, is hereby officially renamed and

designated as **"Odesther Young Lane"** in honor of **Mrs. Odesther Young** and her longstanding residency, family legacy, and contributions to the Osceola community.

SECTION 2. STREET SIGNAGE.
The appropriate City departments are hereby authorized and directed to install street signs identifying the roadway as **"Odesther Young Lane"** and to remove or replace existing Main Street signage as necessary to implement this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. OFFICIAL RECORDS AND NOTIFICATION.
The City Clerk and other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to provide notice of the street-name change to the appropriate governmental agencies, emergency services, postal authorities, utility providers, mapping and addressing authorities, and any other entities as may be necessary to ensure that the official designation of **Odesther Young Lane** is properly recognized and recorded.

SECTION 4. RECOGNITION.
The City of Osceola hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and admiration to **Mrs. Odesther Young** for the legacy she has established in Osceola. The designation of **Odesther Young Lane** shall serve as a lasting tribute to Mrs. Young, her family, and the five generations whose lives and memories are connected to this community.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.
Should any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. REPEALER.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th **DAY OF** October **, 2026.**

JOE HARRIS JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

JESSICA GRIFFIN, CITY CLERK

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Osceola City Council:

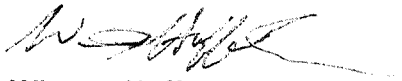
On behalf of the Osceola Housing Authority, we are pleased to express our support for the Young family's request to permanently rename the street associated with **337 Main Street** in honor of **Mrs. Odesther Young**.

Mrs. Young was a longtime resident of the Osceola Housing Authority community, residing at 337 Main Street for more than three decades. During those years, the residence became an important and lasting home for her family and a place where multiple generations were raised, nurtured, and connected to the Osceola community.

The Young family has shared that Mrs. Young raised and helped raise five generations in Osceola, with the last two generations having deep roots at the Main Street residence. Her many years at 337 Main Street represent the type of stability, family connection, and sense of community that extends far beyond the walls of a home.

Mrs. Young's place in the Osceola community was also recognized during her lifetime when she was presented with a **Key to the City by former Mayor Kennemore**. At the time of her passing, **The Osceola Times reported that she was Osceola's oldest resident**.
Given Mrs. Young's longstanding connection to 337 Main Street, her family's multigenerational ties to the residence, and her recognized place within the Osceola community, the Osceola Housing Authority is proud to support the Young family in seeking this lasting recognition.
We respectfully ask the Mayor and members of the Osceola City Council to give favorable consideration to the family's request for the permanent naming of **Odesther Young Lane**.
It is our hope that this designation will serve as a lasting tribute to Mrs. Young and the generations of family and community history connected to her home on Main Street.

Respectfully,



Wixson Huffstetler
Executive Director
Osceola Housing Authority