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Local Law 47

**Street name, Adam Clayton
Powell, Jr., Boulevard,
Manhattan**

1974

INT. NO 626

Chas Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd, New York

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 1974**

No. 47

Introduced by Mr. Samuel—

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New name	Present name	Limits
Adam Clayton Powell Jr. boulevard	7th avenue	Central Park north to west 155th street

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, S.S.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on November 14, 1974, and approved by the Mayor on December 3, 1974.

THOMAS A. LENANE, First Deputy City Clerk.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW SECTION 27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27, I hereby certify that the enclosed local law (Local Law 47 of 1974, Council Int. 626) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on November 14, 1974: 37 for, 1 against and one (1) not voting.

Was approved by the Mayor on December 3, 1974.

Was returned to the City Clerk on December 4, 1974.

ADRIAN P. BURKE, Corporation Counsel.



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

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FREDERICK E. SAMUEL
COUNCILMAN, 5TH DISTRICT, MANHATTAN
2315 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10030
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October 29, 1974

Hon. Thomas Cuite
Majority Leader
New York City Council
Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Cuite:

This is to again request that you do everything possible to see that the two bills which are now pending be assigned to the appropriate committee for transaction. The first of these two bills would re-name a part of Seventh Avenue "The Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard", and the second bill would re-name a part of Lenox Avenue "The George Washington Carver Boulevard".

As explained to you earlier, when I first filed these two bills, they were given in reverse order; that is Seventh Avenue - George Washington Carver Boulevard and Lenox Avenue - Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard.

The more recently filed bills to re-name Seventh Avenue "Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard, and Lenox Avenue "George Washington Carver Boulevard", are correct.

Your help is of particular importance to our community since plans for the unveiling of a bust of the late Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. in December of this year, are in progress now. Also the local Planning Board has been involved in having various architects submit proposals for architectural design, landscaping, etc., to cover that part of Seventh Avenue which is encompassed by our proposed bill.

Since this matter is of extreme importance to our entire community, I shall be most appreciative of your expected kind cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,


Fred Samuel
Councilman

FREDERICK E. SAMUEL
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2315 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10030



Hon. Thomas Cuite
Majority Leader
New York City Council
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The final hearing is on Introductory Number 626 sponsored by Councilman Frederick E. Samuel.

This bill would change the name of a portion of Seventh Avenue, from Central Park North to West 155th Street, to The Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard.

The late Reverend Powell was an outstanding, nationally recognized leader. He represented the Harlem Community as an elected official in the New York City Council and the United States Congress. During his twenty-two year tenure as a member of the House of Representatives, Congressman Powell advanced to the Chairmanship of the powerful Committee on Education and Labor. He served as Chairman from 1960 to 1967, and was the first black Member of Congress to head a major Congressional Committee. Chairman Powell was instrumental in obtaining passage of a number of landmark laws which continue to benefit people throughout the country. The Manpower Development and Training Act, the Anti-Poverty Act, the Juvenile Delinquency Act, the 1961 Minimum Wage Act, the Vocational Education Act and the National Defense Education Act were just a sampling of the measures enacted into law during the period in which the Congressman served as Education and Labor Committee Chairman.

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., who was born November 29, 1908 in New Haven, Connecticut, and died on April 4, 1972 in Miami, Florida, was also a prominent religious and civil rights movement leader. He was educated at Colgate and Columbia Universities, and served as the pastor of the largest congregation in the nation, the Abyssinian Baptist Church. In 1941, he was the first black to be elected to the New York City Council. Additionally, he was in the forefront of many causes and organizations specifically affecting Harlem.

Because of his overwhelming popular appeal and his championship of humane and just causes, this nationally well-known personality has earned a permanent place in American history.

Is there anyone to be heard in opposition?

Is there anyone to be heard in favor?

There being no one (else) to be heard,

this hearing is closed.

It is indeed fitting that we officially name a section of The Honorable Adam Clayton Powell's own legislative district in his memory. Powell was an effective and devoted leader of his community. He was an early force in the movement for equal opportunity for all. It gives me great pleasure to sign into law Introductory Number 626, which will rename a portion of Seventh Avenue in memory of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

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THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

Int. No. 626

September 24, 1974

Introduced by Mr. Samuel—read and referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to street name, the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. boulevard, borough of Manhattan.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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 3 B4-500 Manhattan: Change certain street name.—The following street name
 4 is hereby designated as hereinafter indicated:

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New name	Present name	Limits
8 The Adam Clayton Powell Jr. boulevard	7th avenue	9 Central Park north to west 155th street

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11 § 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. Cuite), moved that the following General Orders for the day previously laid aside be adopted.

(10) Int. No. 626—Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard, Manhattan. Participating in the discussion of this item were Messrs. Weiss, Ward, Mrs. Greitzer, Ms. Friedlander, Ms. Pinkett, Messrs. Wright, Silverman, Stern and Samuel.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such report which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Burden, Cohen, Curry, DeMarco, Friedland, Friedlander, Gaeta, Gangeni, Gigante, Golden, Greitzer, Horwitz, Katz, Katzman, Kaufman, Mastropieri, Mele, Mercorella, Muratori, Olmedo, Pinkett, Povman, Ryan, Sadowsky, Samuel, Simon, Spigner, Steingut, Stern, Troy, Vallone, Velez, Wagner, Wright, Arculeo, and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Cuite)—37.

Negative—Weiss—1.

Not voting—Silverman—1.

Int. No. 626

Report of the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, in Favor of Adopting a Local Law to Amend the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in Relation to Street Name, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard, Borough of Manhattan.

The Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to which was referred on September 24, 1974 (Minutes, page 1466), the annexed local law respectfully

REPORTS:

This proposed law would amend the Administrative Code by renaming that portion of 7th Avenue extending from Central Park North to West 155th Street to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard.

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was born on November 29, 1908, in New Haven, Connecticut. He died on April 4, 1972. He received a bachelor's degree at Colgate University in 1930 and a master's degree at Columbia University in 1931.

He was a pastor of the world's largest Protestant congregation, the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

Mr. Powell was elected as a City Councilman in 1941. Since 1945, he served eleven successive terms in the House of Representatives. He was a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor from 1960 to 1967. As Chairman of this Committee, he played an important role in development and passage of the 1961 Minimum Wage bill, the Manpower Development and Training Act, the Anti-Poverty bill, the Juvenile Delinquency Act, the Vocational Education Act and the National Defense Education Act.

He was a Civil Rights leader for many years. Since he was a prominent spokesman and symbol for black people, he brought to the Negro people a sense of pride in being black.

The City Planning Commission reports that the designation of the new street name conforms to the City map.

Accordingly, your committee recommends its adoption.

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WALTER WARD, Chairman; LEON A. KATZ, ANTHONY R. GAETA, MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, FREDERICK E. SAMUEL, HENRY J. STERN, Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, November 7, 1974.

On motion of the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Cuite), the foregoing matter was made a General Order for the day and at the request of Mr. Weiss was laid aside for discussion. (See ROLL CALL ON ITEMS LAID ASIDE.)

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THE HONORABLE THOMAS CUITE, DLR

MAJORITY LEADER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF N.Y CITY HALL

NEW YORK NY 10007

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CITY HALL
NEW YORK NY 10001

THE YOUNG WOMAN CIVIC LEAGUE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER
PASSING THE INTRO BILL-626 THE RENameING OF SEVENTH AVENUE FROM
110 STREET TO 155 STREET IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN ADAM
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 LAFAYETTE STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

October 18, 1974

Mr. Anthony A. Caracciolo, Counsel
The City of New York
Vice-Chairman of the Council
City Hall
New York City, N. Y. 10007

Dear Sir:

We have your communication relating to the following
Local Laws:


Local Law Int. No. 625

In relation to George Washington Carver Boulevard, please be advised that Lenox Avenue from West 145th Street to West 147th Street was changed from Lenox Avenue to (Esplanade Gardens Plaza) by Local Law No. 126 in 1967, therefore, present name in line 9 should include (Esplanade Gardens Plaza) or (West 147th Street) in line 9 under limits should be made to read 145th Street.

Local Law Int. No. 626

Please be advised that the new street name (The Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard), in the Borough of Manhattan, conforms to the City Map.

Sincerely,


John E. Zuccotti,
Chairman



MUNICIPAL REFERENCE AND RESEARCH CENTER
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007



EUGENE J. BOCKMAN, *Director*

October 18, 1974

Hon. Anthony A. Caracciolo
Counsel
The City of New York
Vice Chairman of the Council
City Hall
New York, N. Y. 10007

Re: Int. No. 626

Dear Mr. Caracciolo:

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was pastor of the world's largest Protestant congregation, Abyssinian Baptist Church, and was the representative of New York's 18th Congressional District.

Congressman Powell was active in the civil rights movement and was the sponsor of much civil rights and educational legislation. He was instrumental in getting many firms to hire blacks and was a vigorous and eloquent champion for equal rights for blacks and other minorities.

In the 1970-1974 Council session, there was similar legislation introduced (Int. No. 1050) to change part of 7th Avenue to Adam Clayton Powell boulevard and it never passed.

In the present session of the City Council the sponsor of this legislation, Councilman Samuel, also introduced Int. No. 483 to rename Lenox Avenue Adam Clayton Powell boulevard. This legislation is still in committee.

The Center supports the proposed legislation in honor of the late Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., a distinguished New Yorker; a unique, compassionate, incisive and insightful legislator and one who genuinely should be memorialized by naming this major thoroughfare in his honor.

Yours truly,

Steven L. Weissmann

STEVEN L. WEISSMANN
LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIAN

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Hon. Judah Gribetz
Deputy Mayor
City of New York
c/o Martha Holstein
250 Broadway - Room 1422
New York, N. Y. 10007

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E. J. BOCKMAN
DIRECTOR

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Same as 625

October 3, 1974

Hon. Percy E. Sutton, President
Borough of Manhattan
Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Sutton:

street name, the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.,
Boulevard, borough of Manhattan.

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October 3, 1974

Hon. Eugene Bockman, Director
Municipal Reference & Research Center
Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Bockman:

street name, the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.,
boulevard, borough of Manhattan.

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October 3, 1974

Hon. John E. Zuccotti, Chairman
City Planning Commission
2 Lafayette Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Zuccotti:

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THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

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THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

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April 10, 1974

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6	New name	Present avenue	Limits
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8	The Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. boulevard	Lenox avenue	Central Park North to
9			West 147 Street
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11 § This local law shall take effect immediately.

ARCA
File
Intro. 626

November 26, 1974

Reverend Leonard Chapman
Grace Congregational Church
310 West 139 Street
New York, New York 10030

Re: Intro. 626

Dear Reverend Chapman:

You will be happy to learn that Intro. 626 which renames a portion of Seventh Avenue, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Boulevard, was passed by The City Council on November 14, 1974. A copy of this bill is enclosed for your information.

We were delighted to assist the community in passing this legislation and in honoring the late Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

Sincerely yours,

TJC/pb
Enclosure

Thomas J. Cuite
Vice Chairman

Grace Congregational Church

310 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10030
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See me
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LEONARD CHAPMAN
Minister

NOEEMBER 12, 1974

THOMAS CRUITE:
CITY COUNCKL
CITY HALL, NEW YORK, N.Y, 10023

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE HELP TO PASS BILL #626 FOR 110th Street to 155th Street
and 7th Avenue TO BE NAMED AFTER THE LATE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
JR? WE AS A CHURCH FEEL THIS IS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO A FINE MAN
AS ADAM CLAYTON POWELL WAS TO ALL PEOPLE.

11/14/74

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE.

SINCERELY,

REV. LEONARD CHAPMAN

JC:LC