

CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 571-2025

**ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN UNNAMED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AS
“DEMPSEY DRIVE” IN HONOR OF EMILY DEMPSEY**

WHEREAS, there exists an unnamed public right-of-way extending from Franklin Street to the area of the City Hall parking lot and encompassing portions of Block 1059, Lots 4 and 6. The right of way runs between the Library and the Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the Cape May City Council wishes to name said unnamed public right of way “Dempsey Drive” in honor of Emily Dempsey; and

WHEREAS, Emily Dempsey, is a sixth-generation resident of Cape May and has played a monumental role in researching, preserving, and promoting the history and contributions of the African American community to the City of Cape May; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k), the City Council has the authority to make ordinances that provide for the naming of streets and highways, and the erection thereon of signs, showing the names thereof, and guideposts for travelers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cape May as follows:

Section 1. In recognition of her long-standing service to the betterment of the City of Cape May and its community, the public right-of-way detailed above henceforth be named “Dempsey Drive” in honor of Emily Dempsey.

Section 2. A copy of this Ordinance shall be sent to the Fire Department, Police Department, Tax Assessor, the County of Cape May, utility providers, U.S. Postal Service, and abutting property owners of the lots referenced herein.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage and publication, according to law

ATTEST:



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of
the State of New Jersey

BY: 

Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

NOTICE

Ordinance 571-2025 was introduced at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on June 17, 2025 and was further considered for final passage during a Regular meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on July 15, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing was held.



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Motion	Second
Meier	X				X	
McDade	X					X
Bodnar	X					
Baldwin			X			
Mullock	X					

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