



CITY OF HAMMOND ORDINANCE

No. _____ C. .S.

**An Ordinance to Name the Basketball Court in Martin Luther King, Jr Park
In honor of Wilfred Don Stepteau**

WHEREAS, Coach Wilfred Don Stepteau’s life was a powerful testament to dedication, leadership, and heart. For 34 years, he built a legacy that lives on in the countless students and athletes he shaped; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stepteau began his teaching and coaching career in 1964. He taught World History at Hammond High School where he brought the past to life. Coach Stepteau used historical moments to teach timeless values: perseverance, courage, leadership, and integrity. He challenged his students to think critically. He created a classroom built on respect and thoughtful conversation. Coach Stepteau held high standards because he believed his students were capable of greatness. He also matched those expectations with patience, guidance, and genuine care. His lessons extended far beyond the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stepteau was more than a coach. He was a mentor. He taught discipline, teamwork, and resilience. Football, basketball, and baseball players were taught that preparation builds confidence and that belief in themselves and other teammates could carry them through any challenge; and

WHEREAS, During the summer, Coach Stepteau spent countless hours at MLK Park playing baseball and basketball. Those long summer afternoons and evenings were spent sharing laughs, teaching skills, and building friendships; and

WHEREAS, Generations of students and athletes carry his words of encouragement, tough love, and his unwavering belief in them into their adult lives. Coach Stepteau’s legacy will continue to live on in every life he touched, every lesson remembered, and every person who strives to lead with the same passion that he showed every single day; and

WHEREAS, the life of Wilfred Don Stepteau should be honored and memorialized by the naming of the Basketball Court in Martin Luther King Jr Park in his memory.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Hammond City Council that:

- 1. The Basketball Court in Martin Luther King, Jr Park shall be named in honor of Wilfred Don Stepteau.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on _____, 2026 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on _____, 2026.

On a motion by _____ and second by _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____ by the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Kip Andrews (), Carlee White Gonzales (), Sam DiVittorio (), Steve Leon () Devon Wells (). Motion _____

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2026 at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Kip Andrews President,
Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor

Lisa Cockerham, Clerk Hammond City Council