Applicant Information

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Request Type

- [x] Honorary street designation
- [ ] Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed
- [ ] Public property renaming request

Property Type

- [ ] Park, playground, trail or recreation space
- [ ] Building or facility
- [x] Street or roadway
- [ ] Other public property

Property Location

Property address and/ or location description:

Aldermanic District: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Mrs. Bernetta Lanier

Present property name: Cloverdale Dr (1500 Block)

Proposed Name: Barbara White Williams Memorial Dr

Requirement Checklist for Naming Request

(Check each item to verify that all requirements are included along with this application according to requested property type.)

Honorary Street Designation

- ☑ Official name of the street
- ☑ Portion of the street to receive the designation
- ☑ Complete history of street
- ☑ Proposed new name
- ☑ Professionally cited details supporting proposed new name (see naming criteria)
- ☑ Evidence that such person resided in the City of Savannah for at least five years during his/her lifetime Bernette Lanier
- ☑ Endorsement by District Aldermen, Aldermen-at-large, or Mayor
- ☑ Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- ☐ A non-refundable fee of $150

Street or Roadway

- ☐ Petition, in favor, by 75 percent of abutting property owners
- ☐ Proposed new name and current name
- ☐ Complete history of street
- ☐ Detailed location of street
- ☐ Professionally cited details supporting proposed new name (see naming criteria)
- ☐ Endorsement by District Aldermen, Aldermen-at-large, or Mayor

Park, playground, trail or recreation space

- ☐ Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- ☐ Proposed new name and current
- ☐ Complete history of street
- ☐ Detailed location of street
- ☐ Professionally cited details supporting proposed new name (see naming criteria)
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Building or Facility

- ☐ Petition, in favor, by 51 percent of abutting property owners
- ☐ Proposed new name and current
- ☐ Complete history of street
- ☐ Detailed location of street
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City of Savannah
Name Change Petition Form

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I (We) plan to request a name change with Savannah's City Council through the City Manager's Office.

I (We) understand that our address will change if a permanent street name request is approved by City Council.

Present Name: Cloverdale Dr

Proposed Name: Barbara White Williams Memorial Dr

This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the proposed name change.		Owner		Tenant	
ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
1610 Cloverdale Dr	Donna S. Edwards	✓			
1523 CATHY St	John H. Cummings	✓			
1525 Deland St.	Mallory Robinson	✓			
1451 MAYWOOD A	L. Bazemore	✓			
1517 Cathy St	Cynthia Cutting	✓			
1633 Glen Ridge Dr	Jane A Reed	✓			
1638 Glen Ridge	Betty Simmons	✓			
1657 Cloverdale Dr	C Jackson	✓			
1665 Cloverdale	Ethel Mack	✓			
1618 Cloverdale Dr	Barbara Sapp	✓			
1411 CATHY STREET	Mr. Obie Lucky	✓			
1532 Audubon St	Mr Jeanette Myrie	✓			
1539 Cloverdale Dr	Gretchen Moore Cutter	✓			
1520 Cloverdale Dr	Roberta N. Johnston	✓			
1535 Audubon Dr	[illegible]	✓			
1608 Eleanor St	Eugene Cutter	✓			

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ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
1527 Delaro St	Shawna Robbins	✓			
1528 Cloverdale Dr.	Jason Patterson	✓			
[illegible] Cloverdale Dr	[illegible]	✓			
1512 Cloverdale Dr	Alethea Mize	✓			
1510 Cloverdale	Mrs. D. Bonnell	✓			
1422 Cathy Street	John A. Johnson	✓			
1422 Rev. Mary Johnson	Rev. Mary Johnson	✓			
1424 Clairemont Circle	Jessica Baldwin	✓			
1628 Sylvester Street	Kimberly L Davis	✓			

City of Savannah - City Council

Bernetta B. Lanier
Alderwoman, District 1

October 24, 2026

Joseph Melder, City Manager
2 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Re: Naming Request Endorsement for Consideration — Barbara White Williams Memorial Drive

Mr. Melder,

The people of Cloverdale have spoken. Considering the community engagement and transparent process that occurred in Cloverdale, I stand in support of Mr. White's application.

In my official capacity, I endorse the honorary street-naming request to designate the 1500 block of Cloverdale Drive as **"Barbara White Williams Memorial Drive,"** in accordance with City Ordinance and the process outlined in "Article E. Naming of Public Property, Facilities, and Streets."

I look forward to this application advancing through the process as required by City Code.

Yours in service,

Bernetta Lanier

Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier
MPA, CGA, CGM, ED
District 1, City of Savannah, GA

"We speak fa we!" A Gullah-Geechee Proverb

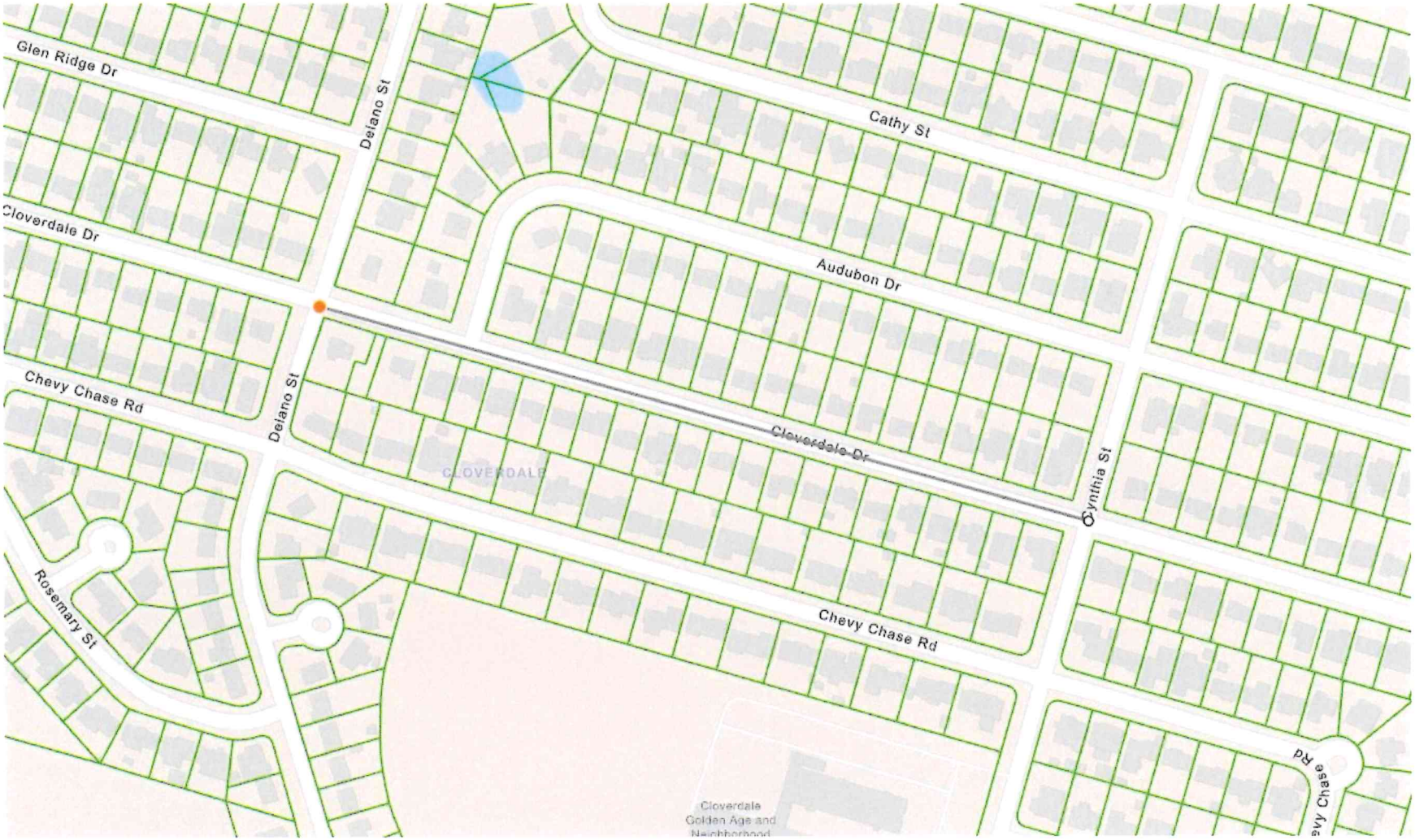
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Cloverdale and Cynthia



Cloverdale and Delano



1500 Block – Cloverdale Dr

Dear Mr. Higdon,

I am writing to propose the installation of an honorary street sign in memory of my sister, Barbara White Williams, to be placed on the 1500 block of Cloverdale Drive. This location holds deep significance for our family, as on Thanksgiving Day in 1964, my parents moved with their four children from the Fellwood Homes Housing Project to Cloverdale Drive, driven by their vision to raise their children in a structured environment with access to quality education.

Barbara White Williams, one of five siblings, was raised in Cloverdale alongside her four brothers and benefited greatly from attending Windsor Forest High School, graduating on June 5, 1974. She continued her education at Savannah State College (now Savannah State University), where she majored in Criminal Justice and graduated in August 1978.

Barbara began her career in October 1985 as a state probation officer. Through dedication and hard work, she advanced to the role of supervisor. Her passion for her work was evident in her compassion and commitment to helping others. She was a true advocate for the people in the Cloverdale community, assisting those who had encountered legal troubles in finding support and, when appropriate, avoiding incarceration.

Barbara's love for Cloverdale, her family—especially her two daughters, Adrianne and Ansley—and her community was profound. Tragically, she lost her life on October 25, 1990, as a victim of domestic violence. At that time, she was married to a Savannah police officer and left behind two young daughters, ages nine and three, who were raised by our mother in the Cloverdale community.

Barbara was deeply loved by many in Cloverdale for her relentless kindness, her uplifting smile, and her unwavering commitment to making a positive impact. Her legacy of integrity, strength, dedication, and advocacy continues to inspire those who knew her and those who benefit from her contributions.

It would be a great honor to commemorate Barbara White Williams with this honorary street sign, preserving her memory and celebrating the lasting impact she made on Cloverdale and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sean White

University Advancement

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Bio of Barbara White Williams

Barbara White Williams was born November 21, 1956 to proud parents Armond and LeeArtis White. She was the oldest of five children and their only daughter. Even as a young girl she did not compromise with doing what was right. If she felt she was right about something there was no turning her around, and she didn't mind debating the topic to get her point across.

After graduating from Windsor Forest High school in June 5th 1974, Barbara's goal was to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. She enrolled at Savanah State College, now known as Savannah State University. She pursued a major in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. After graduating in August of 1978 Barbara worked various jobs until she found a calling in her field of study. February of 1980 until July 1980 she work for Savannah State College as a Human Relations Specialist where she implemented various programs at various middle schools in Chatham County. She helped instructors and students work together both in and out of school. In 1982 she started her career as an assistant security manager for Belk's department store for lost prevention where she didn't mind running behind a criminal when it was necessary.

In 1984 she worked for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff issuing warrants and court ordered subpoenas. In 1985 she worked for Georgia State Probation Office as a Probation Officer Supervisor. She loved her job and enjoyed helping people stay out of the jail system if she felt they didn't deserve to be there. She was very passionate about her work.

Mrs. Williams worked in state probation for five years until her untimely death after being a victim of domestic violence on October 25th, 1990. The day she passed away Mrs. Williams was offered the position of warden at the Women's Probation Detention Center in Claxton, Ga.

In January 1991 she had planned on getting her Master's degree in Criminal Justice at Savannah State College. She was all about young people going to school to get a higher education to be productive and self-sufficient and be able to make it in today's society. This scholarship was created in her honor and memory to remember the legacy of her work in the Criminal Justice field.