

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 395

Approved October 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, NY, Imam Abdul Hameed spent seven years of intense study of Islamic religion and theology, as well as the Arabic and Urdu languages, in Pakistan, then spent a year teaching in Sri Lanka before returning to the U.S. and enrolling in Rhode Island College; and

WHEREAS, Imam Abdul Hameed was the long-time spiritual leader of the Islamic Center of Rhode Island (ICRI); and

WHEREAS, He was the first ever Muslim Chaplain at the Adult Correctional Institution in Cranston, RI, a position he would hold the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, A humble and simple man who led his community by example, he dedicated his life's work to the service of God, improving the lives of others, and benefiting all humanity; and

WHEREAS, Imam Abdul Hameed strived to bring people together, forging a diverse community of Muslims from many different backgrounds at ICRI and participating in numerous efforts to promote interfaith dialogue and cross-cultural understanding, including Harvard University's Pluralism Project; and

WHEREAS, He was known for putting the needs of others above his own comfort and safety, spending his time organizing neighborhood crime-watches and running weekly community clean-up efforts in addition to his already busy schedule at ICRI and the ACI; and

WHEREAS, Imam Abdul Hameed recognized the need for a larger facility for ICRI and was instrumental in moving the mosque and community center to its present location on Haskins Street in Providence; and

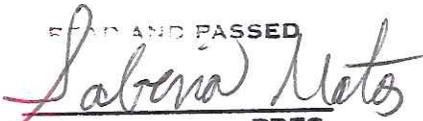
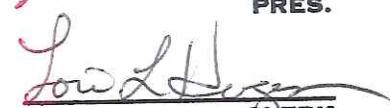
WHEREAS, After a half century of dedication to his community and service to God, Imam Abdul Hameed passed away on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015; and

WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the life, work, and legacy of Imam Abdul Hameed to name Haskins Street in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life, work, and legacy of Imam Abdul Hameed by ceremonially designating Haskins Street as, "Imam Abdul Hameed Way."

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 26 2017

READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Date:

Mayer

10/3/17

Michael D. Borg  
Director



Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
*"Building Pride in Providence"*

September 9, 2017

Acting Council President Sabina Matos  
Chairwoman Committee on Urban Redevelopment  
City Clerks Office  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance St.  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: Haskins Street Renamed as Imam Abdul Hameed Way**

Dear Councilwoman Matos:

I am in receipt of the City council resolution to rename Haskins Street as Imam Abdul Hameed Way. My recommendation is to install a new street name sign at the Haskins St./Broad St. and Haskins St./Lockwood St. intersections. The new street name signs will keep Haskins St. as the street name but include Imam Abdul Hameed Way in the border of the sign as illustrated on the attached photo. Keeping Haskins St. as the street name will avoid confusion for those giving and receiving directions to Haskins St.

If you agree with this proposal please respond back to me and I will proceed with ordering the signs through our sign vendor. The Haskins St./Broad St. intersection is within the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation; therefore, communication with RIDOT will be required. I don't anticipate any objection from RIDOT on this proposal.

Very truly Yours,

Natale D. Urso, PE, PTOE

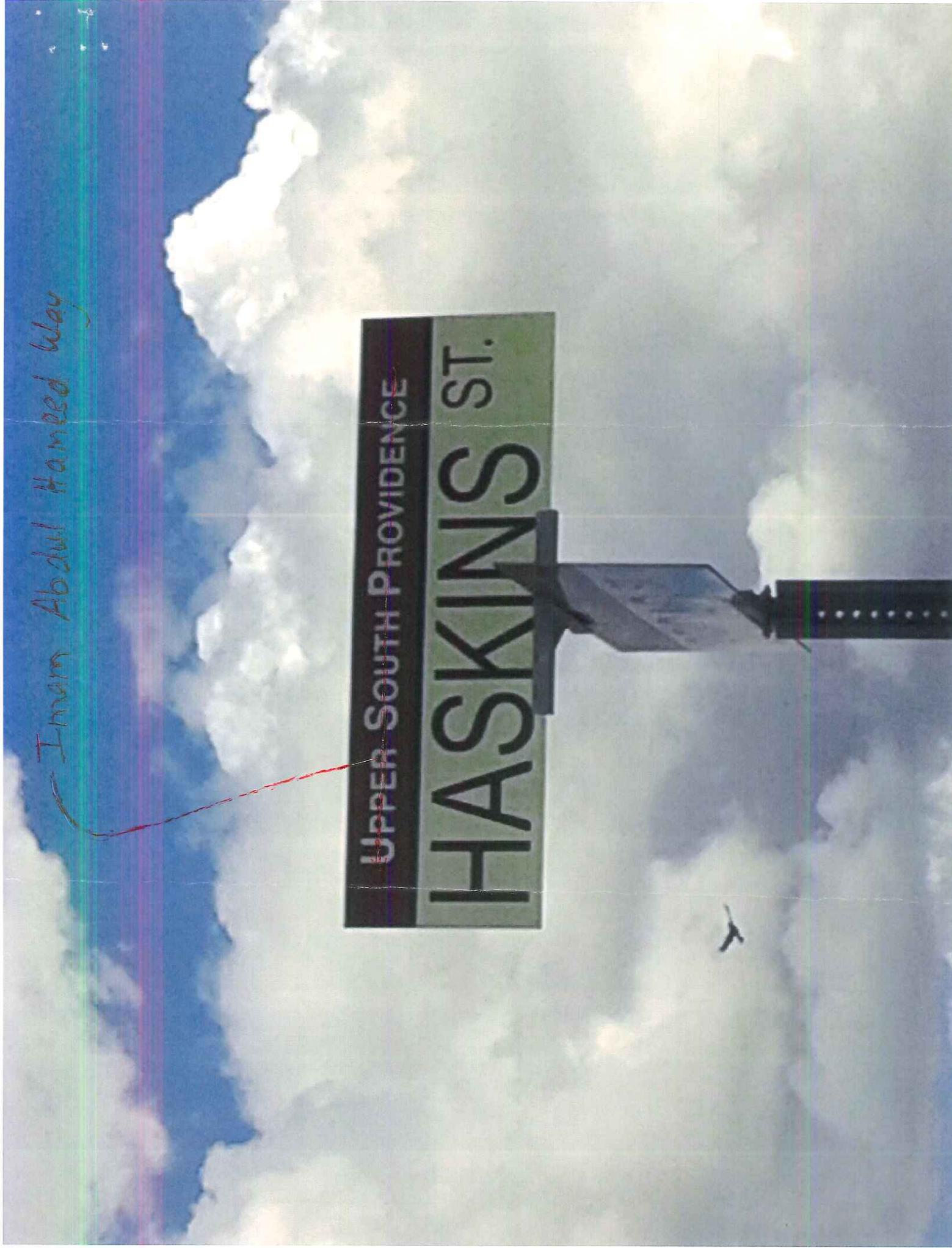
Traffic Engineer

XC: Michael Borg

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Imam Abdul Hameed Wajid

UPPER SOUTH PROVIDENCE  
HASKINS ST.



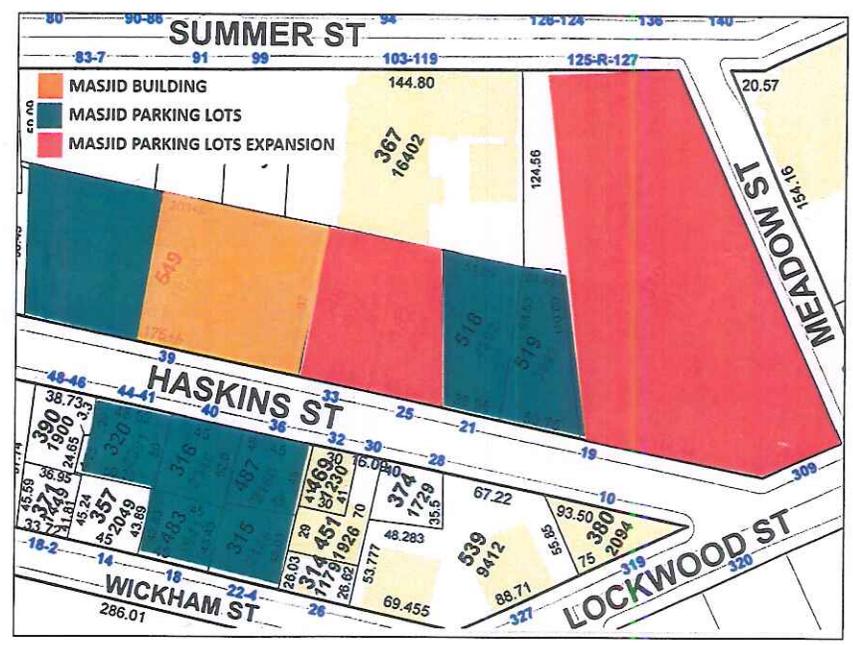
**\$150,000**

LAST UPDATED: MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2017 - 19 DAYS TO TARGET DATE



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