

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, following the Civil War, Thomas Wesley Kincheon and his wife, Mary, founded “Kincheonville” – a thriving African American farming community located on approximately 300 acres in what is now Southwest Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Kincheonville was among several “freedmen” settlements in the Austin area, offering economic opportunity, community and a modicum of safety to African Americans in the years following emancipation; and

**WHEREAS**, unique for its time, Kincheonville was an inclusive community, featuring Anglo and Hispanic settlers working in the fields alongside African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Kincheonville became a vital link for Austin’s African American community, providing the milk and butter for Tillotson College, which later merged with Samuel Huston College to become Huston-Tillotson College; and

**WHEREAS**, bordered by what is now Paisano Trail to the north, Davis Lane to the south, Brodie Lane to the west and Longview Road to the east, Kincheonville’s population grew to more than 100, featuring a schoolhouse and the chartering of Zion Rest Missionary Baptist Church, a congregation that has remained active on the same site since 1903; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1950’s, Thomas Kincheon’s son and grandson helped develop Southwest Austin through subdividing and platting a portion of family land to create two single family subdivisions, featuring several streets named after family members and community leaders; and

25           **WHEREAS**, Plantation Road, built in the 1970's and traversing the original  
26           Kinchonville, is an anachronism, with a name that conjures images of the  
27           Antebellum South and a longing for an agricultural economy dependent on the  
28           forced labor of enslaved African Americans; and

29           **WHEREAS**, the institution of American slavery caused and perpetuated  
30           brutal physical, mental and emotional abuse, impeding opportunity for equality in  
31           all aspects of life for freed slaves and their descendants; and

32           **WHEREAS**, the continued public display of street names perceived as  
33           honoring a history of enslaving African Americans is antithetical to the stated  
34           public policy of the City being a community that is welcoming to all; and

35           **WHEREAS**, in response to Council Resolution No. 20171005-031, the  
36           Equity Office issued a memo that among other things, designates the renaming of  
37           Plantation Road a high priority on a list of assets slated for initial review; and

38           **WHEREAS**, Council Resolution No. 20200729-091 relates to City assets  
39           with names tied to the Confederacy and white supremacy, directing staff to support  
40           a collaborative community education process to identify assets for renaming; and

41           **WHEREAS**, remediating symbols of the Confederacy and slavery creates  
42           new opportunities to commemorate today's values and the legacy of those we  
43           honor in our community's public spaces; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

44           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

45           The City Manager is directed to begin the process outlined in Council  
46           Resolution No. 20200729-091, and work with stakeholders such as Council  
47           offices, residents and the congregation of Zion Rest Missionary Baptist Church to  
48           identify appropriate options for the renaming of Plantation Road.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

An ordinance to rename Plantation Road is to be submitted to Council for a public hearing, if necessary, and possible action, no later than October 9, 2025.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Erika Brady  
City Clerk