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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – “James (JL) Davis” –
North 22nd Street from West Congress Street to West Cornell Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated March 19, 2024 regarding a request for an honorary street name of James (JL) Davis on North 22nd Street from West Congress Street to West Cornell Street.

Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances provides the guidelines to consider when reviewing honorary street name requests. The guidelines provided in the code have been reviewed and the following comments are offered.

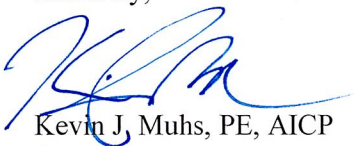
James Davis was born on July 5, 1926 and as the eldest, Mr. Davis helped provide for his 11 siblings. During the Korean War in the 1950s he achieved the rank of Corporal. After finishing his service, he married and moved to Milwaukee to raise his only son. Mr. Davis worked for 30 years at A.O. Smith and purchased his first home in a predominantly white neighborhood. His positive outlook at life and his eagerness to help his neighbors helped overcome the racial obstacles of the 1960s. He was a long-time member of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church, where he was a choir member and a mentor of the people. Currently Mr. Davis' wife and son have passed and he has memory issues, therefore his community wish to present an honorary street to him for his birthday.

The request to honor James (JL) Davis with an honorary street name of “James (JL) Davis” includes 16 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Three (3) blue honorary street signs will be needed. Please refer to the attached map showing where the honorary street name signs will be located. The petitioner may choose to furnish the honorary street signs, but they must be fabricated to established City standards. The City can fabricate the signs at \$50 each. In either case, the City will install the honorary street signs at a cost of \$50 per sign. The petitioner is to deposit \$150 to the City if they furnish the signs or \$300 if the City fabricates and installs the signs. If a sign needs to be replaced in the future, the City is to be notified of the missing or damaged sign and the petitioner is to cover the cost to fabricate and mount the sign as described above. The City's cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.

North 22nd Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,



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Attachments



Honorary Street Name Request
N. 22nd St. between
W. Congress St. to W. Cornell St.
to James (JL) Davis

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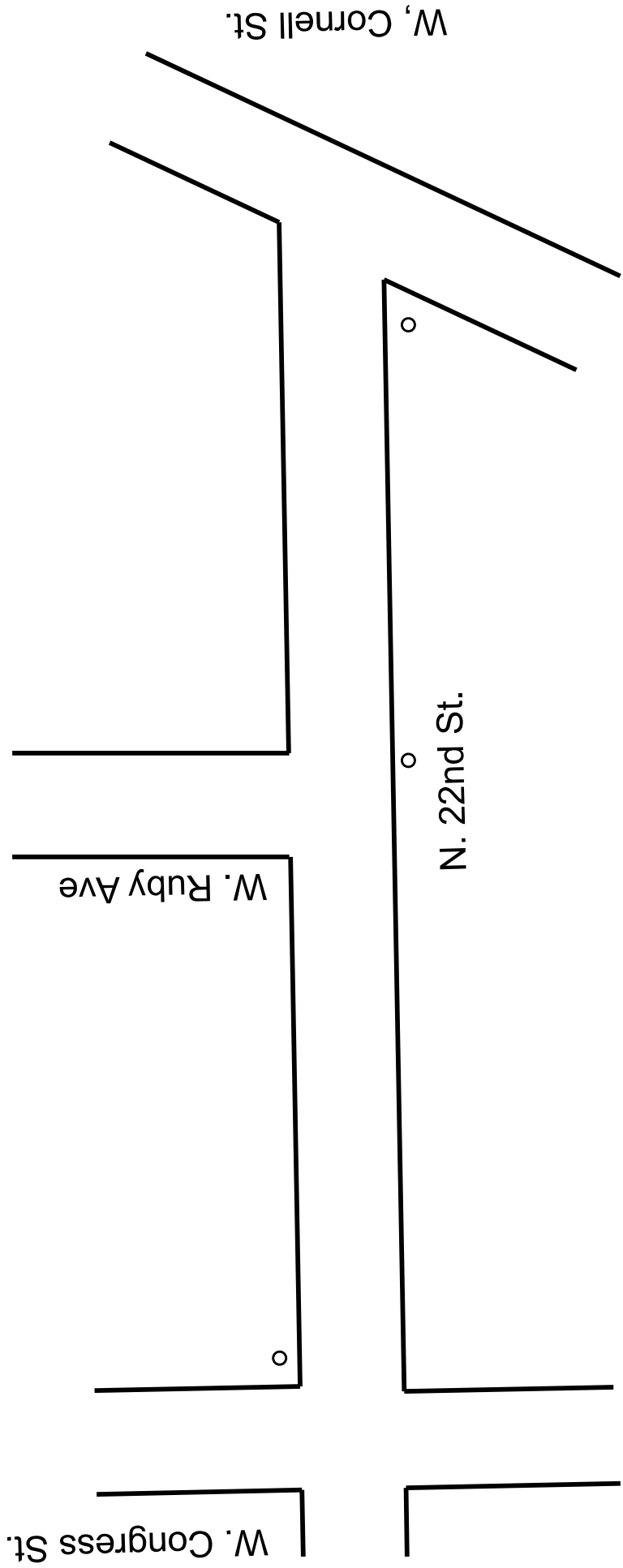
James (JL) Davis

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N. 22nd St. From W. Congress St. to W. Cornell St.



- o - Location of street signs where honorary street name of James (JL) Davis will be mounted.