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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request - Rabbi Michel Twerski
North 51st Boulevard between West Burleigh Street to West Keefe Avenue

Dear Honorable Members,

This letter is in reply to an application dated October 1, 2025 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Rabbi Michel Twerski on North 51st Boulevard between West Burleigh Street to West Keefe Avenue.

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.

Rabbi Michel Twerski was born and raised in Milwaukee and attended MPS before seeking college opportunities in IL and NJ. In 1961 Michel Twerski returned to Milwaukee with his wife. Michel Twerski composed music for his father's parish from 1960 to the 1970s. Then in 1973 Rabbi Twerski inherited the Head Rabbi position of the congregation. His legacy includes an elementary school and Kollel Adult center that have increased the education of Jewish and Orthodox life in Milwaukee.

The request to honor Michel Twerski with an honorary street name of Rabbi Michel Twerski includes 20 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Six (6) blue honorary street signs will be required and will be mounted at all the intersections along North 51st Boulevard between West. Burleigh Street and West Keefe Avenue. Please refer to the attached map showing where the honorary street name signs will be located. The existing Official Street signs at each location will remain. 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 \$300 to the City if they furnish the signs or \$600 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.

Provided that the honorary street name request meets the established design criteria and that the Department of Public Works does not incur any costs as a result of this action, we can support this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

