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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request –Pastor Otha Howard–North 56<sup>th</sup> Street from West Parkway Drive to West Villard Avenue.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated September 24, 2024 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Pastor Otha Howard on North 56th Street from West Parkway Drive to West Villard 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.

Pastor Howard was born June 6, 1939 and migrated to WI in 1951. Pastor Howard gained experience as Assistant Bishop at St. Paul Church for 25 years. In December of 1994 he established Divine Temple with his wife, Eliza Howard, and two others. The church became the foundation of the community of 56<sup>th</sup> St for over 30 years. Pastor Howard improved his community's living conditions by cleaning, trimming grass, and shoveling snow. Moreover, under Pastor Howard's leadership, the Church established an Outreach Ministry. The Outreach Ministry did 'back to school' drives, food drives, clothing drives and many other activities to give back to the community.

The request to honor Pastor Otha Howard with an honorary street name of Pastor Otha Howard includes 18 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Five (5) 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 \$250 to the City if they furnish the signs or \$500 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 56<sup>th</sup> Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

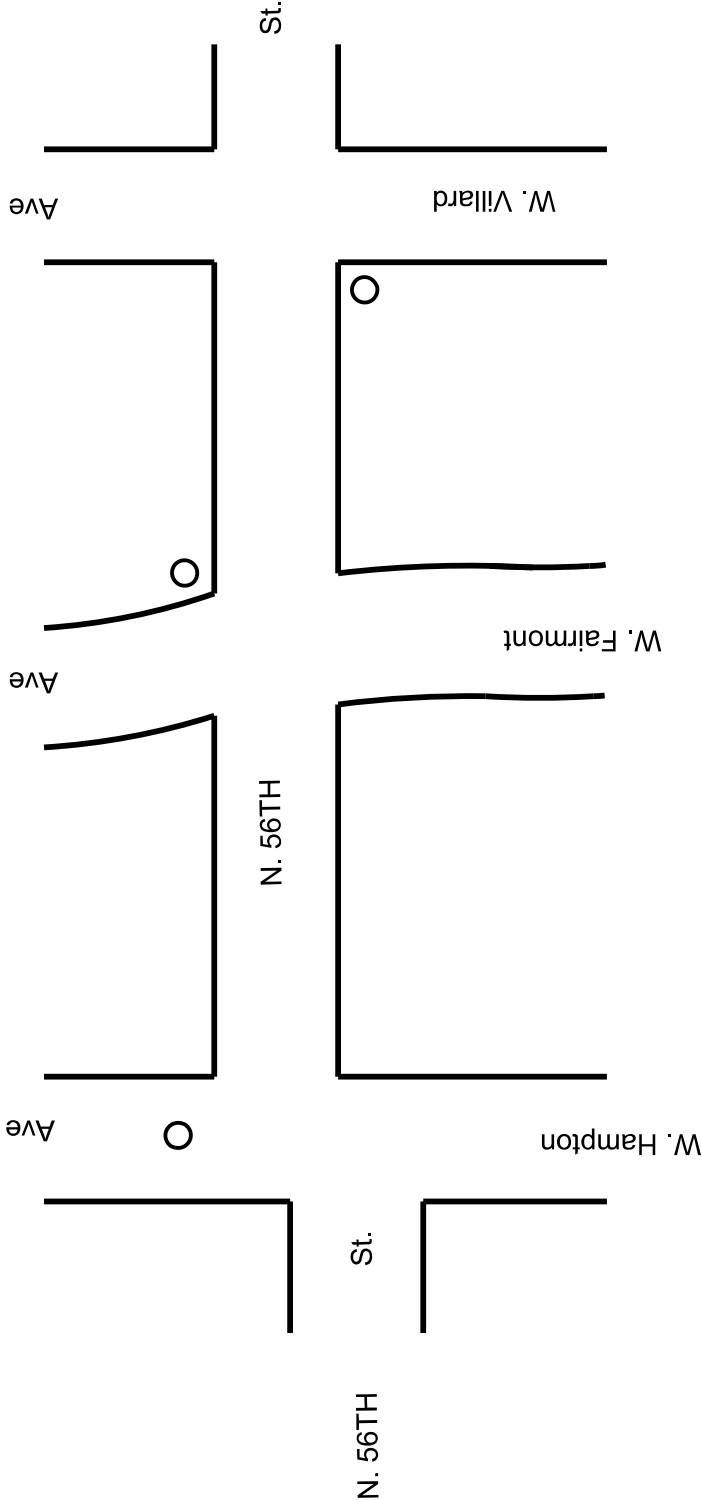
Sincerely,

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City Engineer

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Attachments

North 56th St from West Hampton Ave. to West Villard Ave



○ - Location of street signs where honorary street name of Pastor Otha Howard will be mounted.

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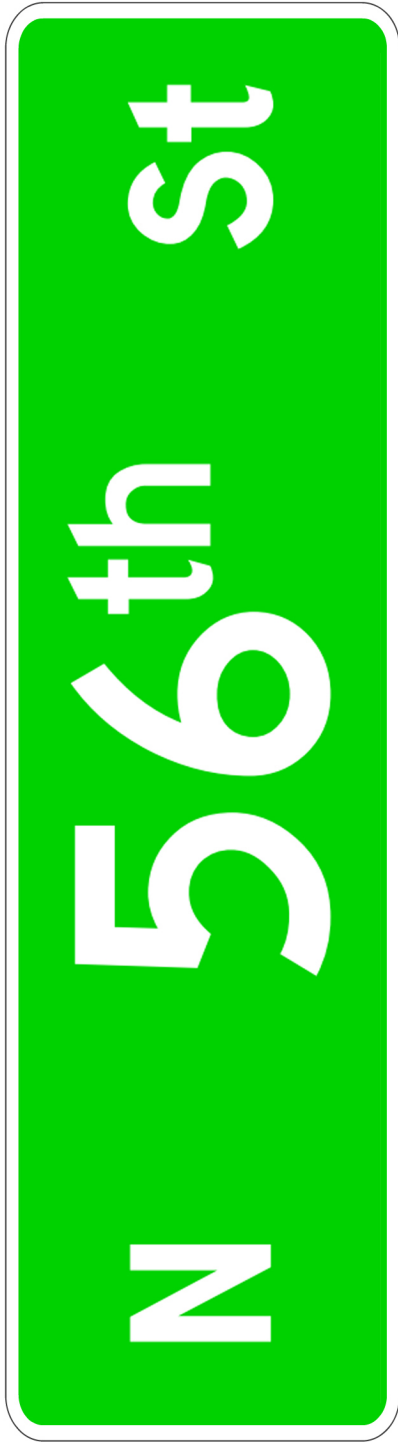
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Pastor Otha Howard  
N. 56th St. from  
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