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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request  
North 35<sup>th</sup> Street between West Florist Avenue and  
West Douglas Avenue  
to Bishop Osie Tatum Jr.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated June 6, 2020 regarding a request for an honorary street name on North 35<sup>th</sup> Street between West Florist Avenue and West Douglas 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.

The rationale submitted explains that Bishop Osie Tatum Jr. has been a member of Mason Temple Church of God in Christ in Milwaukee since the age of 9. He has remained faithful and dedicated throughout his adult years and was appointed and served as the Assistant Pastor in 1972. In 1985, his leadership was recognized and he was appointed Pastor. Mason Temple Church experienced tremendous growth under Bishop Tatum's guidance. The church changed locations and finally settled at its present location, 6098 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St., in 2006. Under the leadership of Bishop Tatum, the church hosts Back to School Community Events, Men's Auto Show and On the Right Track Substance Abuse Program. Mason Temple Church also provides social services to the Rescue Mission, Guest House, Hope House, Genesis 1, Genesis II, MSDF Prison Ministry.

The request to have the honorary street name of "Bishop Osie Tatum Jr." includes 21 letters and spaces. The letter size of the Honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign space.

Three blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted at West Florist Avenue, West Kaul Avenue and at West Douglas Avenue along North 35<sup>th</sup> Street. The signs will be mounted below the North 35<sup>th</sup> Street sign at each location. 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 guidelines. 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 three 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 with the initial installation. The City's cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.



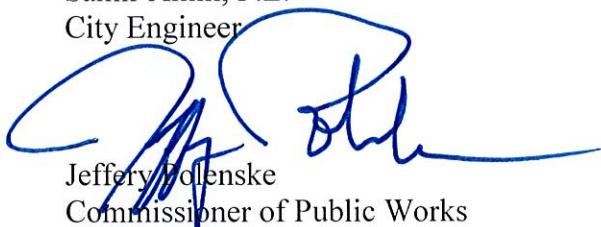
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Provided that the honorary street name request meets the established design criteria and that the Department of Public Works does not incur any costs as a result of this action, we can support this resolution.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures