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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 080357
Honorary Street Name Request
West Walnut Street between North 16th Street
and North 17th Street to Pastor J Ellwanger

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated July 1, 2008 regarding a request for an honorary street name on West Walnut 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.

Pastor Ellwanger celebrated his 75th birthday in February of this year. The biography submitted on his behalf explains his community work within this area of West Walnut Street. Letters from various individuals, praised his work which included helping establish the Hunger Task Force, and Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH). He also helped expand Project Return and was pastor at Cross Lutheran Church for 35 years.


The request to honor Pastor Ellwanger with an honorary street name of "Pastor J Ellwanger" includes 18 letters and spaces. There is not a limit to 13 letters/spaces as with an official street name change request, however, the letters will be a smaller size to fit the standard honorary street sign space.


Two blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted at both North 16th Street and North 17th Street on West Walnut Street. 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 \$100 to the City if they furnish the two signs or \$200 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.

Very truly yours,


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c: Legislative Reference Bureau