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To The Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Rev. Dr. James G. White
West Wright Street from North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to
North 4th Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated February 16, 2015 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Rev. Dr. James G. White on West Wright Street from North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to North 4th 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.

Rev. Dr. James G. White was instrumental in the development of WestCare Wisconsin, Executive Director of the Harambee Community Center, and a Milwaukee County Supervisor from 1996 – 2008. His lifelong works include activism in the areas of fair housing, social justice, economic development, and equal opportunity for the financially and socially disadvantaged. WestCare Wisconsin Harambee Community Involvement Center is located at 335 West Wright Street. Rev. Dr. James G. White passed away on August 28, 2013.

The request to honor Rev. Dr. James G. White posthumously with an honorary street name of “Rev. Dr. James G. White” includes 20 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign space.

Two (2) blue honorary street signs will be needed, one will be mounted at North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the second at North 4th Street on the West Wright Street signs. 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 \$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. The City’s cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.

West Wright Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.



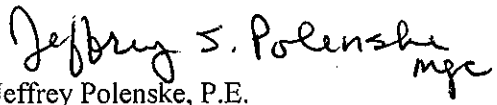
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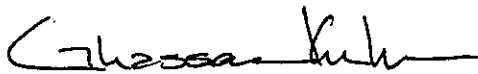
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The honorary street name request meets the established criteria and intent of the City ordinance and the Department of Public Works will not incur any costs as a request of this action.

Very truly yours,

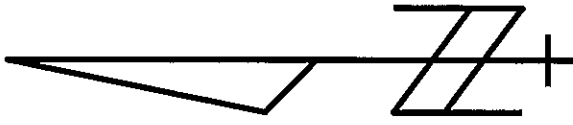

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Attachment

DR. JAMES G. WHITE HONORARY
STREET NAME SIGN LOCATION



CITY OF MILWAUKEE

RESIDENTIAL

DR.

ST.

ST.

W. RIGHT

N. 4TH

WESTCARE WISCONSIN HARAMBEE
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER

CLARA MOHAMMED SCHOOL

