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OFFICIAL STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name Enid Trotman - Anyanwu
Organization or Company Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Club
Street Address 2233 W. Roosevelt Drive City/State Milwaukee, WI Zip 53209
Telephone (414) 255-2024 Fax _____ Email amazingeverlasting1@gmail.com

2. Official Street Name Request (Honorary)

Street name requested Mrs. Cherrye J. Trotman
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)
2000 - 2330 W. Roosevelt Drive (20th Street to Teutonia)

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (a copy of which is attached to this application)
- A typed statement containing no fewer than 500 words describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why the official street name has been requested to be changed.
- The City will conduct a post card survey to be sent to all property owners and to each address along the street. The cost of this postcard survey, which is approximately \$2.00 per property surveyed, may be required to be paid by the applicant prior to its being sent. A street renaming proposal shall not be given further consideration by the City unless the results of the post card survey indicates that at least 51% of all owners/residents along the street support the proposal. The applicant will be notified of the results of the post card survey to determine whether the request has enough support to continue through the process.

4. City Review and Approval Process:

Upon submission of this application, please allow six to eight weeks for City staff to review your request. Upon completion of the City's review and the favorable response from the post card survey of at least 50% of those polled; this request will be scheduled before the Street Naming Committee. All owners/residents along this street affected by the proposed official street name change will be notified of the meeting. The committee will then make its recommendation to the Public Works Committee (PW). Prior to its being scheduled before the PW Committee, the applicant must pay the city the cost to fabricate and install the signs. The PW Committee will make its recommendation to the Common Council. The applicant will be notified of the Common Council's action.

5. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to a complete the application. Please check:

- \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer")
- Completed Application Form
- Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being considered for an official street name change

Submit your application to the City Clerk, 200 East Wells St, Room 205

Signature Enid Trotman - Anyanwu Date 4/1/26

Printed Name Enid Trotman - Anyanwu

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Citizen Advisory Committee on the Naming of Public Buildings, Facilities and Streets, The Milwaukee Public Works Committee, and to the Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

***~ Requesting the Honorary Street Naming for:
"Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman"***

***2000-2330 W. Roosevelt Drive Milwaukee, WI 53209
(Between 20th Street and Teutonia Avenue) ~***

We are writing to respectfully request the consideration of an honorary street naming in recognition of Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman for her decades of outstanding contributions to the Greater Milwaukee Community. Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman was a native of Montgomery, Alabama who relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin as an educator in the Milwaukee Public School System. She instantly became engaged as a Community Mentor and a revered Civic Leader. Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman was just the second African American family to buy her homestead at 2233 W. Roosevelt Drive in 1964. Mrs. Trotman then founded the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Club as an organization created to mentor Milwaukee's Children and Youth. Instilling into them the philosophy and non-violent principles of her late Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman created the Rev. Dr. MLK Club to foster collaboration across sectors and to instill morals and values into Milwaukee's children and youth. She was a beacon of light that provided exposure, hope, and mentorship while creating safe spaces where gifts, talents and abilities could blossom and thrive.

Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman has demonstrated a legacy of dedication, service, and impact that has positively influenced countless individuals and families throughout our city. Through her work in education, she has instilled in young people the importance of academic excellence, strong work ethic, stick-to-itiveness demeanor, steadfast determination all while inspiring them to become their absolute very best. Some of her mentees included Bishop Walter Harvey, Bishop Rickie J. Burt, Pastor Alex L. Erdmann, and the like. She worked for MPS for thirty-five years. Most notably and for twenty-nine of those years as an elementary school educator at Henry L. Palmer Elementary School. She later taught for her last six years prior to her retirement as a math and reading teacher for deaf students at Washington Irving School. She set ambitious goals for her students, grandchildren, neighborhood children, and relatives. While teaching at Palmer, she created the first Girl Scouts Troop and designed the first Milwaukee Public Schools Scout-a-Rama that yet continues today. She was also selected as Teacher of the Year for the entire State of Wisconsin in 1976. Post retirement, she continued in her passion for educating children and youth; volunteering at her neighborhood public school: Garden Homes Elementary School later re-named Lloyd Barbee Montessori School. She was so faithful there in her retirement one would have thought she was a paid teacher or staff member. She readily highlighted Milwaukee's Children and Youth in talent shows, black history programs, community engagement opportunities among other gatherings. Additionally, she purchased tuxedos, suits, dresses, supportive advertisements, and whatever she could to encourage, promote and support young people and their connectivity to positivity. She equally but more specifically promoted youth

participation in beautillions, cotillions and all organizations that promoted leadership skillsets, music, and the fine arts. She believed in higher education and would often be found sponsoring or taking young people on college tours throughout the country, especially Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. She was a proud Alumnae of Alabama State College for Negroes now re-named: Alabama State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education. She also earned a master's degree in education.

Mrs. Cherrye J. Trotman was the previous longest living member of Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church and her life's work has encircled generosity, compassion, and an unyielding commitment to uplifting community.

An honorary street naming on the street she was the oldest living resident (94 years old) and longest living resident (60+ years) and just the second African American/ Black to own and live on would be so befitting for the recognition of her wonderful efforts and the positive strides that have made the City of Milwaukee and its residents tremendously better. The honorary street naming, honoring Mrs. Cherrye J. Trotman would serve not only as a tribute to her life's work but also as a lasting symbol of inspiration for future generations. Recognizing this trailblazer would greatly reflect the City of Milwaukee's appreciation for those who invest their time and energy into strengthening our neighborhoods and communities.

We kindly ask that the Milwaukee Citizens Advisory Committee, The Milwaukee Public Works Committee and the Milwaukee Common Council would give thoughtful consideration to this request and deserving trailblazer. We are happy to provide any additional documentation, letters of support or details needed to assist in approving and recognizing this well-deserving departed (s)hero.

Thank you immensely,

Members of the Milwaukee Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Club
Founded by Mrs. Cherrye J. Trotman



Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	04/08/2026
Received Of:	Enid Trotman-Anyanwu
Received By:	CR
Check # (If Applicable):	71396456
Amount Received	\$100.00



Department of Public Works
Infrastructure Services Division

Jerrel Kruschke, PE
Commissioner of Public Works

Kevin J. Muhs, PE, AICP
City Engineer

Timothy J. Thur, PE
Infrastructure Administration Manager

May 7, 2026

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman
4300 Block of West Roosevelt Drive from North Teutonia Avenue to North 20th Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated April 2, 2026 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman on West Roosevelt Drive from North Teutonia Ave to North 20th 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.


Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman moved to Milwaukee from Montgomery, Alabama and was an educator at Milwaukee Public Schools. Mrs. Trotman was the second African American family to buy her homestead at 2233 West Roosevelt Drive in 1964. Mrs. Trotman founded the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Club as an organization to mentor Milwaukee's children and youth. With her 35 years of MPS teaching, she mentored many renowned members of the community that picked up her mantle. While teaching at Henry L. Palmer elementary school, she created the first Girl Scouts Troop and designed the first MPS Scout-A-Rama that continues today.

The request to honor Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman with an honorary street name of "Mrs. Cherye J. Trotman" includes 23 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 are required and will be mounted at North Teutonia Avenue, West Olive Street, North 22nd Street, North 21st Street, and North 20th Street along West Roosevelt Drive. 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 \$100 each. In either case, the City will install the honorary street signs at a cost of \$100 per sign. The petitioner is to deposit \$600 to the City if they furnish the signs or \$1200 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,



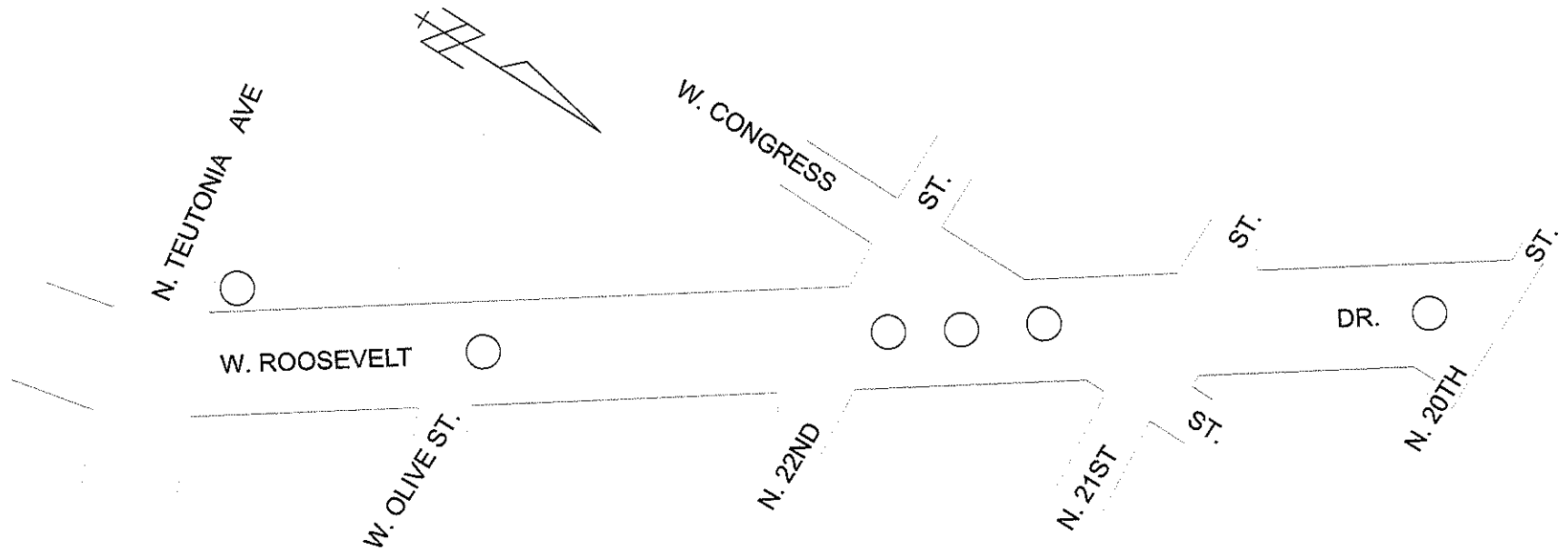
Kevin J. Muhs, PE, AICP
City Engineer

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Attachments



W. Roosevelt Dr. from N. Teutonia Ave to N. 20Th St.



○ - Location of street signs where honorary street name of MRS. CHERRY J. TROTMAN will be mounted.

City of Milwaukee DPW - Infrastructure Services Central Drafting & Records		
DRAWN BY: EMC	CHECKED BY:	DATE: 04/15/26

Honorary Street Name Request:
MRS. CHERRY J. TROTMAN
W. Roosevelt Dr. from
N. Teutonia Ave to N. 20Th St.

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HONORARY
MRS. CHERRY J. TROTMAN

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