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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request
North Port Sunlight Way
Between North 25th Street and North 27th Street to Mama Freeman.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated April 28, 2016 regarding a request for an honorary street name on North Port Sunlight Way.

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 Pastor Martha Freeman moved to the Garden Homes Neighborhood in 1969 and has been working hard since to keep the neighborhood safe for residents and fun and educational for kids. Pastor Martha Freeman has also worked as a private detective, and is a retired sergeant at Milwaukee County House of Corrections. Pastor Martha Freeman dedicated herself to improving the lives of the people around her. Pastor Martha Freeman spread her message of pacifism and compassion as pastor of Alpha & Omega church, where she became a matriarch of the Garden Homes park neighborhood. Pastor Martha Freeman's efforts as a violence interrupter, her contributions to the Safe Zone Initiative and her work as a Helping Others Obtain Direction (H.O.O.D.) ambassador are a reflection of her refusal to let violence sully the lives of those in her neighborhood.

The request to have the honorary street name of "Mama Freeman" includes 12 letters and spaces. This will fit the standard honorary street sign space.


Three blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted at North 27th Street, North 26th Street and North 25th Street along West Port Sunlight Way. The signs will be mounted below the West Port Sunlight Way 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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