

April 13, 2009

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 081606  
Honorary Street Name Request  
West State Street between North 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
and North 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Dr. Lucy B. Hughes

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated March 25, 2009 regarding a request for an honorary street name on West State 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.

Dr. Lucy B. Hughes passed away on November 15, 2008. The biography submitted on her behalf explains her community work within the area of the Greater Utopian Church located at 2925 West State Street. She started many ministries including the Prison, Nursing Home and Samaritans Purse. She had numerous roles within the Greater Utopian Church including preacher, teacher, counselor and motivator.

The request to honor Dr. Lucy B. Hughes posthumously with an honorary street name of "Dr Lucy B Hughes" includes 16 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 29th Street and North 31st Street. The signs will be mounted below the West State Street sign in the east-west orientation 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 \$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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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Legislative Reference Bureau