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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Sister Clara
North 1st Street from West Clarke Street to West Center Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated September 17, 2021 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Sister Clara Atwater on North 1st Street from West Clarke Street to West Center 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:


Sister Clara Atwater had a vision to rebuild, restore, and revitalize her neighborhood, so in 1989, she created Gingerbread Land Inc. This non-profit organization has provided food, shelter, and clothing to thousands of Milwaukee residents in need of assistance. Sister Clara took great pride in helping the children in her community, which she referred to as her “Gingerbread Kids”. She provided community, inspiration, and guidance to children who needed support from outside of their family. Gingerbread Land Inc. is now comprised of seven housing units. The central building for the organization is Love Tabernacle Church at 2640 North 1st Street, where Sister Clara served as the church’s senior pastor.

The request to honor Sister Clara Atwater posthumously with an honorary street name of “Sister Clara” includes 12 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 West Center Street and the second at West Clarke Street on the North 1st 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.

North 1st Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,



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City Engineer

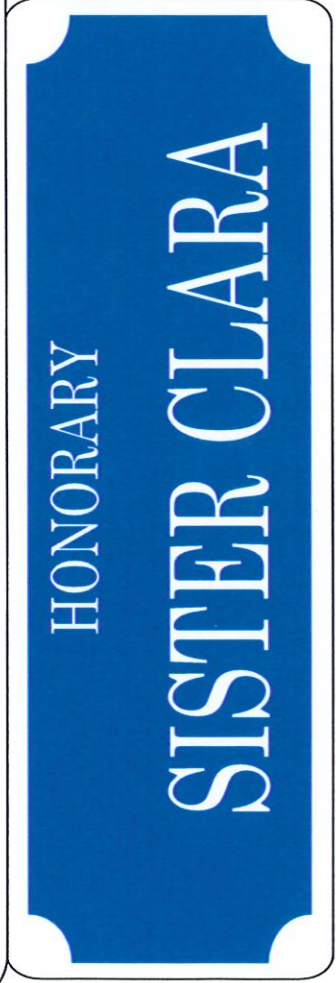


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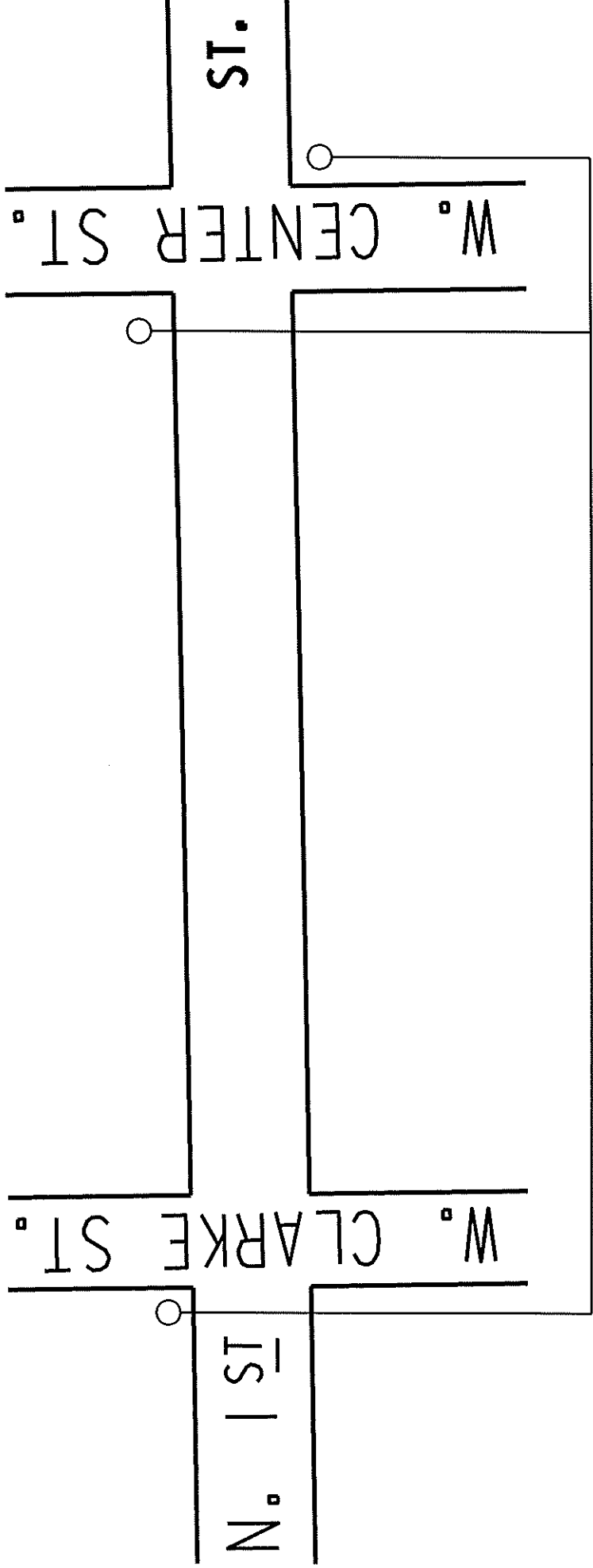
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Honorary Street Name Request
N 1st St. between
W Clarke St. and W Center Ave.
to Sister Clara



N. 1 ST ST. FROM W. CLARKE ST. TO W. CENTER ST.



LOCATION OF STREET SIGNS WHERE HONORARY STREET NAME
OF SISTER CLARA WILL BE MOUNTED