



HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

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

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM
(Checks should be made payable to "City Treasurer")

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name Carl E. Hunt
Organization or Company Cara Hunt
Street Address 3273 N. 47th St City/State Milwaukee Zip 53216
Telephone 414-202-5771 Fax _____ Email cahunt@uwalumni.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Carl E. Hunt Ave.

Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)

19th Street between W. Olive Street and Capital Drive

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
- 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 a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

4. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to 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 honored.

Signature Cara Hunt Date 11/11/2025

Printed Name Cara Hunt

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This is a statement to humbly propose that the one-block stretch of 47th Street between W. Olive St. and Capital Drive, bear the honorary name of "Carl. E. Hunt Ave." to honor Mr. Hunt's contributions and life-long dedication to serving the Milwaukee community and youth.

Carl Hunt's Background

Mr. Hunt is a living example of Milwaukee history in the flesh. Originally born in Wetumpka, Alabama, he, his late sister, and mother made the long journey to Milwaukee by train in 1955 with only two suitcases and a shoe box lined with print paper, filled with fried chicken and hot water cornbread to last them the trip. As one of the millions of families of the Great Migration north, Mr. Hunt is the product of his mother's courage to take a chance at a better life, not only for herself but generations to come. The young family settled on Milwaukee's North side; where over the course of the next seventy years, he, his mother, and his five siblings would all come to live and start families of their own. To this day, the entire family lives within two miles of each other and continue to be close-knit.

Despite being only five years old when he arrived, as the oldest boy, Mr. Hunt had to work in order to help contribute to the household and help the family start a new life. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to collect glass bottles for resale at a price of two cents per bottle and unloading grocery carts for spare change for the patrons in the parking lots of the local A&P Grocery store on 5th and North avenue, and the old Sentyr store on 4th and North avenue. By the age of seven he was selling copies of the Milwaukee Star and the Milwaukee Courier, Milwaukee's first Black newspaper. He would sell newspapers on the corner downtown before schools started. He did this everyday for eight years. At the age of 11, he picked up an additional job washing dishes in the old Butterbonne restaurant across from what is now the Baird Center. He was so small that he had to stand on a milk crate just to reach the sink. By the age of 15, an employee at the Journal Sentinel noticed his hustle selling newspapers downtown and offered him a job with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, loading the trucks that would send newspapers to Green Bay, Eau Claire, and La Cross, starting his day at 2am and working before heading off to high school at North Division.

After graduating high school, he worked various odd jobs before pursuing what would end up being a nine year career serving the community as a Milwaukee firefighter. During his time with engines 21, 22, and 38, he would save dozens of lives, homes, and deliver a handful of babies into this world. His career came to a halt after he fell through the floor of a burning building causing him to go on disability leave after having three major knee surgeries in the span of a year

Mr. Hunt did not let this stop him. As someone who deeply valued education, but was unable to afford it in his twenties as a young father and patriarch of the family. At the age of 40 he would go on to get his bachelor's degree from UW-Milwaukee, double majoring in marketing and accounting. He would receive his masters in accounting five years later and go on to teach accounting at UWM for the next 16 years.

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Carl's Legacy at Rufus King

Mr. Hunt has always found a way to give back and the most impactful avenue for him to date has been through volleyball. Mr. Hunt was introduced to volleyball in 2000 through his daughter's love of the sport which served as an outlet amid a difficult and long divorce. Even though he couldn't quite afford it, he supported her talent and love for the sport by working overtime so that she could play on competitive traveling club teams. To this day, he has never played a full game of volleyball in his life, but he was a quick study and a natural born teacher. It does not take much to realize that Mr. Hunt is one of those unique people who understands the mechanics of things and knows how to explain them in a way that the listener can understand, no matter who he is speaking to, the tell-tale sign of a great teacher. For example, he could teach kids how to whistle, without ever having whistled himself.

By 2003, three years after being introduced to the sport, Mr. Hunt was a junior varsity coach at Rufus King High School, and coached club volleyball during the off-season. Shortly after, he became the head of the Rufus King volleyball program as the head varsity coach. King was known for many wonderful and positive things at the time, especially academic excellence, but when Mr. Hunt inherited the program, volleyball was not one of them. King had not won a city conference title, nor had any of the girls gone on to play at a collegiate level, yet alone for scholarships.

Athletic programs at schools are built through years of dedication and development. Anyone will tell you that Mr. Hunt poured his heart and soul into the volleyball program and undoubtedly the athletes. He invested in new equipment, encouraged the girls to pursue club teams to hone their skills, created a summer program, engaged with highly competitive teams that would scrimmage the girls off-season, and entered into tournaments opponents did not consider King to be a serious competitor, just to walk away with first place metals. He used his network to find qualified and dedicated coaches to provide additional support to the program because he knew that it wasn't just about coaching, it was about mentorship and believing that the athletes were greater than they knew.

To date, at least six of the athletes who trained under Mr. Hunt went on to attain athletic scholarships for volleyball at the collegiate level. This is more than the entirety of school in the city conference, combined. Even beyond those who received scholarships, numerous athletes went on to play at the collegiate level. Over the course of the 17 committed years, Mr. Hunt coached and molded the lives of so many young ladies who would go on to be successful and phenomenal young women. He would end his chapter as head coach of the Rufus King Varsity team on February 6, 2025 with a resignation letter to the Athletic Director. As a humble man, he didn't want to make a big fuss or put on a big show, but anyone will tell you that over the course of those 17 years, Mr. Hunt built something truly magnificent.

Under his coaching, Rufus King won all city conference, multiple times, due to his coaching and leadership. The reward for him was never in the number of games won, or the

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medals received, but in the number of lives that he was able to impact through his journey as a coach. If there is one thing that is for certain, it's that he took the utmost pride in watching the girls grow into leaders in the sport and off the court, and too see them carrying these life lessons into their careers and lives.

Mr. Hunt is happiest when he is able to help others grow and empower people, especially the youth, to step into their true raw talent as athletes, students, and individuals. Mr. Hunt has always been known as a kind, patient, light humored, and fun man to be around. You are guaranteed to smile and feel seen when you are in his company.

The Stretch of 47th Street between W. Burleigh Street. and W. Roosevelt Drive

Mr. Hunt changes lives, he always has, it's not an easy feat nor is it a common natural talent that many are blessed with. Memorializing his contributions with an honorary street name, "Carl E. Hunt Ave" that extends from 47th Street between W. Burleigh Street. and W. Roosevelt Drive. The proposal is for a sign to be placed on the Northwest corner of 47th and Auer or the Northwest corner of 47th and Burleigh, to would honor his legacy, as a coach, a firefighter, a father, professor, mentor, and most importantly, as a Milwaukee citizen who always strove to do good, be good, and see the best in others, will not go unnoticed. Mr. Hunt has lived in his home at 3273 N. 47th Street for the last 37 years, the longest anyone has lived in the house since it was built in 1934. He has quietly shoveled the snow for his neighbors every year to make sure they could get their car out, and has always been a friendly face in the neighborhood. He has watched children grow into adults and start families of their own. If there is one place where he feels most at home, it is on this street and I think he would have an immense amount of pride to drive down the street everyday to head home, knowing that all of his good deeds didn't go unnoticed.

This location has meaning, and can serve as a visual reminder that all it takes is one person who cares, to make a difference. We are so much more than our environment and our circumstances and it's never too late to start something new. My father notoriously has never asked for anything from anyone. He has always given more than he has taken and has never, not even once, asked for acknowledgment. I cannot think of a better way to honor his lasting impact on the City of Milwaukee. To show that he will always be a part of this city, and his contributions and a way to say thank you for always trying to leave things better than they were before he found them. It's people like him who truly make Milwaukee a great city to live in. He is an epitome of what Milwaukee stands for: growth, hope, and that we are all stronger when we believe in ourselves, one another, and the betterment of the community.

Graciously submitted by,
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Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	11/18/25
Received Of:	Cara Hunt
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	1599
Amount Received	\$100.00