

August 19, 2009

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Numbers 090435 and 090436
Honorary Street Name Requests
3000 Block West State Street to Dr. Lucy B. Hughes
2900 Block West State Street to Dr. Joe L. Hughes

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to two notices dated July 28, 2009 regarding requests for honorary street names on West State Street between North 29th Street and North 31st Street. Resolution number 081606 was previously adopted by the Common Council on June 16, 2009 assigning the honorary street name of "Dr. Lucy B. Hughes" to West State Street from North 29th Street to North 31st Street. Resolution number 090435 is being introduced amending resolution number 081606 assigning the honorary street name of "Dr. Lucy B. Hughes" to the 3000 block of West State Street. Resolution number 090436 is being introduced to assign the honorary street name of "Dr. Joe L. Hughes" to the 2900 block of West State Street.

Resolution number 081606 was adopted to honor Dr. Lucy B. Hughes who 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 as well as starting many other ministries. The proposal is to honor Dr. Lucy B. Hughes on the 3000 block of West State Street and her husband, Dr. Joe L. Hughes, on the 2900 block of 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.

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At the age of 78, Dr. Joe L. Hughes has served the community surrounding the area of the Greater Utopian Church located at 2925 West State Street for over three decades. He has been a gentleman, pastor, teacher and friend within the Greater Utopian Church. He was married to Dr. Lucy B. Hughes for 59 years and is determined to continue the legacy of bettering the lives of people.

The request for an honorary street name of "Dr Joe L Hughes" includes 15 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.

For each honorary name request one blue honorary street sign can be placed on West State Street in compliance with Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. For Dr. Lucy B. Hughes, a sign will be mounted at North 31st Street. For Dr. Joe L. Hughes, a sign will be mounted at North 29th Street. The signs will be mounted below the West State Street signs in the east-west orientation. The existing official street signs at these locations will remain. The petitioner has deposited \$200 to the City for fabrication and installation of 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.

Provided that these honorary street name requests meet 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 these resolutions.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment