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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request.

West Burleigh Street

Between North 13th Street and North 14th Street to Rev. Willie D. Wanzo Sr.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated July 1, 2018 regarding a request for an honorary street name on West Burleigh Street between North 13th Street and North 14th 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.

The rationale submitted explains that Rev. Willie D. Wanzo Sr. was a pastor at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church since 1973. The church is located at 1345 West Burleigh Street. The church, under the guidance of Rev. Willie D. Wanzo Sr., fed the hungry within the community, provided bags of food from its pantry for low income people, and ran a clothing bank. The church also provided a tutorial program, a charity fund that provided limited assistant, and a college scholarship fund. Rev. Willie D. Wanzo Sr. dedicated himself to improving the lives of the people around him.

The request to have the honorary street name of "Rev. Willie D. Wanzo Sr." includes 24 letters and spaces. The letter size of the Honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign space. Please note that the letter size will be small due to the number of letters.


Three blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted at North 13th Street, and two at North 14th Street along West Burleigh Street. The signs will be mounted below the West Burleigh Street 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 naming 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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