



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 Calvin Howard
Organization or Company Divine Temple Church of the First Born, Inc.
Street Address 5532 West Hampton Ave City/State Milw, WI Zip 53218
Telephone 414-463-1122 Fax _____ Email howardlogistics3@gmail.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Pastor Otha Howard

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

Total of 4 signs 1st sign 56th and Hampton going south to the parkway
2nd sign 56th and Hampton going North, 3rd sign 56th and Fairmont, 4th sign
56th and Villard

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 Calvin E. Howard Date 1-27-2025

Printed Name Calvin E. Howard



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January 27, 2025

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves as a petition and request from the members and the general board of Divine Temple Church of the First Born, Inc, to change the name of North 56th Street to honor the late Pastor and Establishmentarian of the church, by renaming North 56th Street to Honorable Pastor Otha Howard Street. Pastor Howard was born June 6, 1939, in Goodman, Mississippi. Pastor Howard was born to the late Effie and Frank Howard. He migrated to Wisconsin in 1951 seeking employment and better opportunities. He was employed at Pfister and Vogel for many years. He also was employed at Trace-a-Matic and retired from Wiza as a Machinist. While establishing his care path, Pastor Howard met the love of his life Eliza Howard whom he was married to for fifty-eight years. They were blessed with five beautiful children, four boys and one girl. He was also with grandchildren and great grandchildren to many. He was a family man, and his immediate and extended family brought him great pride and joy.

Pastor Howard served in ministry in the City of Milwaukee for over 50 years. He served as Assistant Bishop at St. Paul Church of the First Born for over 25 years until he along with his wife and two others established Divine Temple in December of 1994. The church has graced the corner of North 56th Street for over thirty years. Pastor Howard served as the Pastor of Divine Temple for over twenty-four years, until his passing in March of 2017.

During his tenure as Pastor of the church, Pastor Howard was admired greatly and cherished as a man of God who loved God's people, and the people loved and respected him. He was a man of great integrity and wisdom, who came from humble beginnings. Not only was he the Pastor and leader of the church, but he was also a father, brother, friend, grandfather to those who admired him within the community. Pastor Howard took pride not only the church but in the neighborhoods that surrounded the church. On any given day you could find Pastor Howard at the church making sure that the area was clean, the grass cut, and the snow shelled.

He would often sit in the back of his work truck and talk to different individuals in the neighborhood who would come by and talk to him. He was a listening ear, voice of reason, encourager, and counselor to many who were not members of the church. Through his many conversations, people were drawn to him, and many became members of the congregation. Pastor Howard was not only a man that told individuals that he loved them, but he showed them that he loved them. He was also a landlord in the City of Milwaukee for many years and provided housing for over hundreds of families. He was not a slumlord; he and his wife took pride in their properties and would fix their properties to make their homes feel warm and inviting to the tenants that rented their properties. He was known for giving people chances and opportunities when they were down and out and at the end of their ropes.

Pastor Howard had a vision to build a new church. He wanted a baptism pool and a bigger sanctuary for more people to come worship and praise God. He wanted to have services within the church, not only to help the members, but to reach communities outside of the four walls of the church. He was instrumental with the help of faithful and dedicated members to rebuild the church. He established an Outreach Ministry who canvassed the neighborhood, letting the neighbors know about the church and compelling them to come. The Outreach Ministry helped in numerous outreach events by helping to clothe and feed the less fortunate as well as hosting back to school block parties where they fed many people and gave children book bags and essential school supplies and had fun activities for all. The Outreach committee also cooked and provided meals for the homeless. Members of the church went to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and invited men and women to come have a meal and enjoy a church service. The committee also went to the downtown area and passed out hats, gloves and socks for individuals living under bridges. Pastor Howard had a great big heart and would help anyone that he came in contact with. Under his guidance and instruction, Divine Temple Church has helped hundreds of people in the City of Milwaukee. Before his transition he was able to see his vision come to past. He was able to walk in the newly built edifice and give all thanks and praises to God.

The church as whole feels that it is befitting and that it would be a great honor to rename North 56th Street in memory of the Late Pastor Otha Howard. He was such a well deserving Man of God. We respectfully request your consideration in renaming the street. This would not only be for the church, but for the community. This would also be a wonderful way of honoring his life and legacy, while remembering all the contributions that he made to the City of Milwaukee.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Calvin E. Howard
Pastor

Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	1/27/25
Received Of:	Calvin Howard
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	4183
Amount Received	\$100.00

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