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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – “Gloria Ford Gilmer Ph.D.” -
West Highland Avenue from North 6th Street to North 8th Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated April 6, 2024 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Gloria Ford Gilmer, Ph.D. on West Highland Avenue from North 6th Street to North 8th 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.

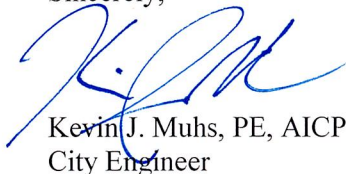
Gloria Ford Gilmer was the first black high school math instructor for the Milwaukee Public Schools and for the Milwaukee Area Technical College, where she taught for 14 years. Being the first black woman to earn a Ph.D. from the School of Education at Marquette University, she studied how to use math in practical applications, developing textbooks and other classroom materials from preschool to college. Gloria also was a wife, a mother, and a faithful servant in the Episcopal Church. Even after she died in 2021, her work is still important, and she became the first Black women mathematician to have research archived at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, in 2024.

The request to honor Gloria Ford Gilmer with an honorary street name of “Gloria Ford Gilmer Ph.D.” includes 25 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Three (3) blue honorary street signs will be needed. 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 \$150 to the City if they furnish the 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. The City’s cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.

West Highland Avenue will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,



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Attachments



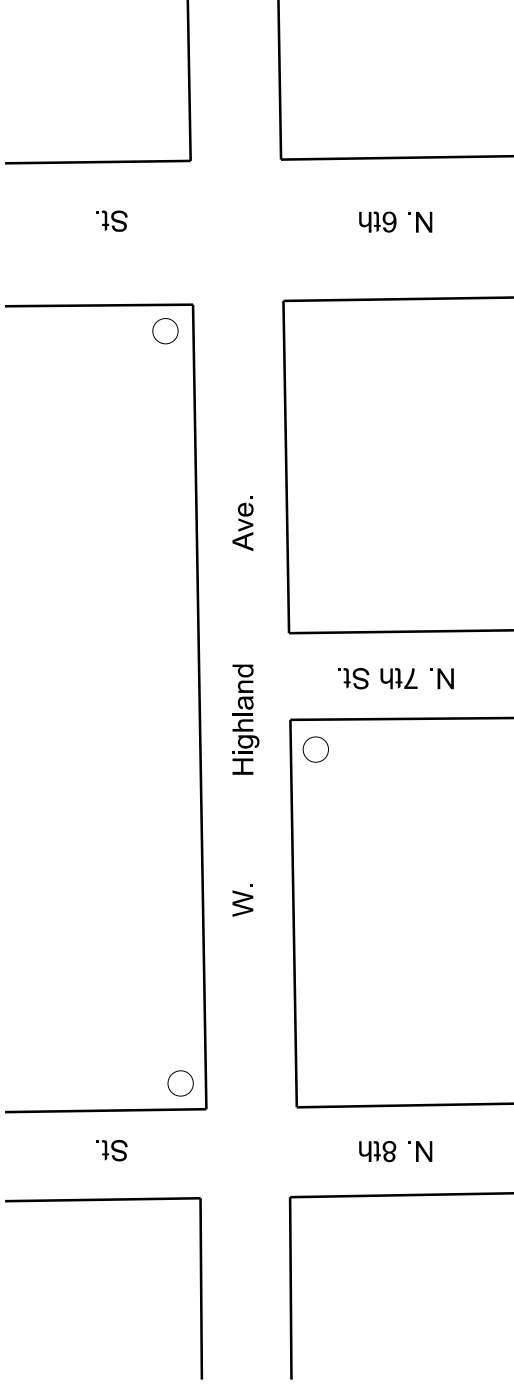
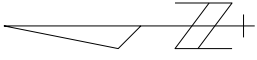
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HONORARY

Gloria Ford Gilmer, Ph. D.

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West Highland Avenue from North 6th Street to North 8th Street



○ - Location of street signs where honorary street name of Gloria Ford Gilmer, Ph.D. will be mounted.