



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 Derrick Martin

Organization or Company _____

Street Address 1918 E Lafayette Pl City/State Milwaukee Zip 53202

Telephone 414 349-4368 Email DerrickM1064@gmail.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Bezelee Martin

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

W North Ave from 3rd St - 5th St

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:

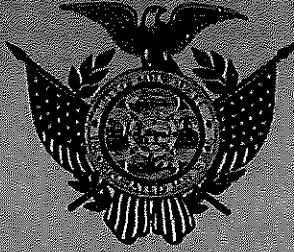
My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:

- \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
- Completed Application Form.
- Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date 12-23-21

Printed Name Derrick C Martin

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF MILWAUKEE



Proclamation



Whereas:

The City of Milwaukee joins family, friends and community members in celebrating the life and legacy of Bezelee Martin; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin was born on September 29, 1932 to Tom Martin and Ruth Hall Martin in Arkansas and grew up in the all Black town of Boley, Oklahoma where he attended Rust School, Boley Grade School and Boley High School; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin was an entrepreneur at a young age, demonstrated by the formation of his lawn mowing business and the creation of a pop and chicken concession stand at baseball games; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend Milwaukee Area Technical College and subsequently became Wisconsin's first Black licensed car dealer in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin opened the first Lena's Food Market in 1960 with his wife in the Harambee Neighborhood and, due to their success, grew their food market operation to six locations and employed over 600 people; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin was a loving husband to Lena, dedicated father to Eric, Anthony, Derrick and Greg, kind brother to Bruce, Alice and Clemmytine and a caring grandfather to his eight grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Bezelee Martin was a well-respected and admired role model to many in the community and will be remembered by all for his charisma, overwhelming love and selflessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby express gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary manner in which Bezelee Martin lived his life.

TOM BARRETT
Mayor

DERRICK C MARTIN
1903 N 5TH ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53212

2079

12-23-21

Date

70-2189/719
304

Pay to the Order of City Treasurer

\$ 100.00

[Handwritten Signature]

Dollars



Security Features
Detailed on
Back.

PNC BANK

PNC Bank, N.A. 071
Wisconsin

[Handwritten Signature]

For

MP

⑆071921891⑆ 4640425347⑆ 2079

Herford Clarke

BLUE SHEFFIELD™

..Number
211431
..Version
ORIGINAL

..Reference

..Sponsor
THE CHAIR

..Title
Resolution assigning the honorary street name "Bezelee Martin" to West
North Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street in the 6th Aldermanic District.

..Requestor
Department of Public Works

..Drafter
CC-CC
Laurie Phillip
12/23/2021