



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 KELLI MACON
Organization or Company WISCONSIN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CENTER
Street Address 3020 W. VLIET STREET City/State MILWAUKEE, WI zip 53208
Telephone 262-444-2644 x NA Email MACONK72@gmail.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested JOSEPHINE D. MOUTRY-HILL

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

WEST VLIET Street from North 30th Street to North 31st Street

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 Kelli Macon Date 6/22/2023
Printed Name KELLI MACON

JOSEPHINE D. MOUTRY-HILL

Mother, Educator, World Traveler, Mentor, Community Activist, Chief Executive Officer.

These are some of the adjectives used to describe this phenomenal woman. A life-long resident of Milwaukee, Josephine graduated from North Division High School in 1961. To this day, Josephine has a presence at and a guiding influence on the faculty, staff, and students at North Division High School. She is a Blue Devil through and through.

The mother of three, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of three has created a solid foundation and legacy for her descendants and the community at large. She instilled/instills the importance of education, knowledge of self, celebrating your culture, community involvement, participating in politics and volunteerism to all within her reach.

A strong believer in knowing your history, specifically Black history, Josephine has traveled the world immersing herself in various cultures on the continent of Africa; Brazil; Fiji and Mexico to name a few of the places she has traveled. She enjoys tracing her roots and sharing her cultural and historical discoveries with those around her.

Josephine's career of choice was a librarian with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). She touched the lives of many, many students by not only encouraging them to read but by including books, videos, and magazines, within the library space that not only engaged students but had a profound impact on their sense of self/pride. Josephine worked at Bell Middle School, Malcolm X Academy and Edison Middle School before retiring from MPS after 30 years.

Upon retiring Josephine along with a group of African American women shared a vision and strategic plan to impact the community. In 1997, the group purchased a building at 3020 W. Vliet Street. The Wisconsin African American Women's (WAAW) Center/non-profit organization is borne. The mission is to empower all people regardless of race, gender, and ethnicity, through various activities involving economic development, various arts, and culture. The center also expands its offerings to environmental gardening to promote positive social/emotional enhancement in the community.

Josephine has been the driving force behind WAAW Center for 26 years. She is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She has worked tirelessly to engage the community in various programming. WAAW hosts networking events, political forums, economic development summits, sponsors a small business marketplace, film screenings, annual Kwanzaa, and Juneteenth events, etc., for the sole purpose of educating and exposing adults and youth to ideas, concepts, information, and technology right in the heart of the community.

She has opened the doors of WAAW Center as a community resource. Josephine has allowed various groups to utilize the facility at no cost these past 26 years. In fact, "giving back" should be included in her name.

With little funding Josephine has been able to maintain this community resource for 26 years. She has not received any compensation and she is there from sunup to sundown 7 days a week! Her picture is what one sees in the dictionary under volunteer. She has missed family events, postponed vacations, etc., to ensure the Center is available for whoever needs it whenever they need it.

On August 22nd of this year, Josephine will be 80 years young. In celebration of this milestone and her years of service to this community, it is only fitting West Vliet St between North 30th Street and North 31st Street be named in honor of this extraordinary woman; Josephine D. Moutry-Hill.

Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	6/22/23
Received Of:	Kelli Macon
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	Cash
Amount Received	\$100.00

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