



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 Alderman Scott Spiker

Organization or Company City of Milwaukee

Street Address 3806 S. 14th St. City/State Milwaukee, WI Zip 53221

Telephone 414-243-0446 Fax _____ Email scott.spiker@milwaukee.gov

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Alderman Terry L. Witkowski

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

W. Norwich St. from S. 6th St. to S. 5th Place

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  Date 2/19/24

Printed Name Scott P. Spiker



SCOTT SPIKER
ALDERMAN, 13TH DISTRICT

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February 19, 2024

Dear Citizen Advisory Committee on the Naming of Public Buildings, Facilities and Streets members,

I am requesting that W. Norwich St. between S. 6th St. and S. 5th Place receive the honorary street name of "Alderman Terry L. Witkowski." Former Alderman Witkowski served the 13th aldermanic district as alderman from 2003 - 2019, having served previously as Safety Director for the City of Milwaukee from 1986-2000. Shortly after his retirement in 2019, Terry became Chair of the Garden District Neighborhood Association, on which he still serves to this day.

As alderman, Terry literally created the Garden District, a branding of the 13th aldermanic district that sought to capitalize on the residents' pride in the appearance of their neighborhoods by encouraging beautification efforts. Neighbors and businesses worked together under Alderman Witkowski's leadership, to improve the appearance of their residences and commercial corridors, reducing crime and creating a real sense of civic pride in their community.

In addition, Alderman Witkowski brought businesses together to form two separate business associations—the Gateway to Milwaukee in the area surrounding the airport, and Historic Highway 41 along S. 27th St.—that have thrived and contributed to the health and beautification of the area.

Turning now to the significance of W. Norwich St., Terry worked with a local landscaper on securing grants that allowed them to take an overgrown parcel of county land on the east side of S. 6th St. between Howard and Waterford Ave, clear it of debris, and create a wonderful event space for the district. Utilized by a team of volunteers that Terry organized as the Garden District Neighborhood Association, this parcel was transformed into a vibrant hub of community activity. This gathering space came to encompass a set of community gardens, a farmers' market, a place for movies in the park, a yearly rummage, National Night Out, an area for local restaurants to share their offerings to potential customers, and much else besides.

W. Norwich St. has served as the primary entry point to this gathering space and, thus, the entry point to the Garden District's events. For the past six years, these have included "Witkowski's Wonderland," a collection of thousands of holiday lights and dozens of painted cutouts (provided by the students in the art department at Ronald Reagan High School) that have lit up the blocks

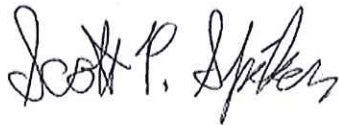


surrounding Norwich during the Christmas season. Seeing hundreds of visitors, this area rivals Cathedral Square in terms of making memories for area families and children of all ages.

The county land which this section of Norwich bisects was transformed under Terry's leadership and only continues to exist because of it. Whether it is personally mowing the lawn, weeding the flower beds, writing grants to add features (like butterfly flower beds and a new gazebo!), and organizing teams of volunteers, none of this would be possible without Terry's talents and absolutely herculean efforts. A true community is not easy to maintain these days, but former Alderman Terry L. Witkowski has created one here in the Garden District, centered especially around Norwich St., that is a true legacy of his time here and the impact he has made.

We would do well to acknowledge that legacy with the honorary street name proposed in this application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alderman Scott P. Spiker



Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	2/19/24
Received Of:	Scott Spiker
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	2718
Amount Received	\$100.00