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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Rev. Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr.
North 16th Street from West Vienna Avenue to West Capitol Drive

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated June 11, 2024 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Rev. Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr. on North 16th Street from West Vienna Avenue to West Capitol Drive.

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:

In 1986, Reverend Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr. was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by the College of Little Rock. Reverend Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr. pioneered the relocation of the Saint Mark AME Church to 1616 West Atkinson Avenue. This allowed the church to become one of the first "Mega churches" in Milwaukee and it became a cornerstone of the community.

The request to honor Reverend Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr. and Mrs. Marguerite DeSleet Johnson with an honorary street name of "Rev. Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr." includes 27 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Four (4) 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 $200 to the City if they furnish the signs or $400 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.

North 16th Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,

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City Engineer

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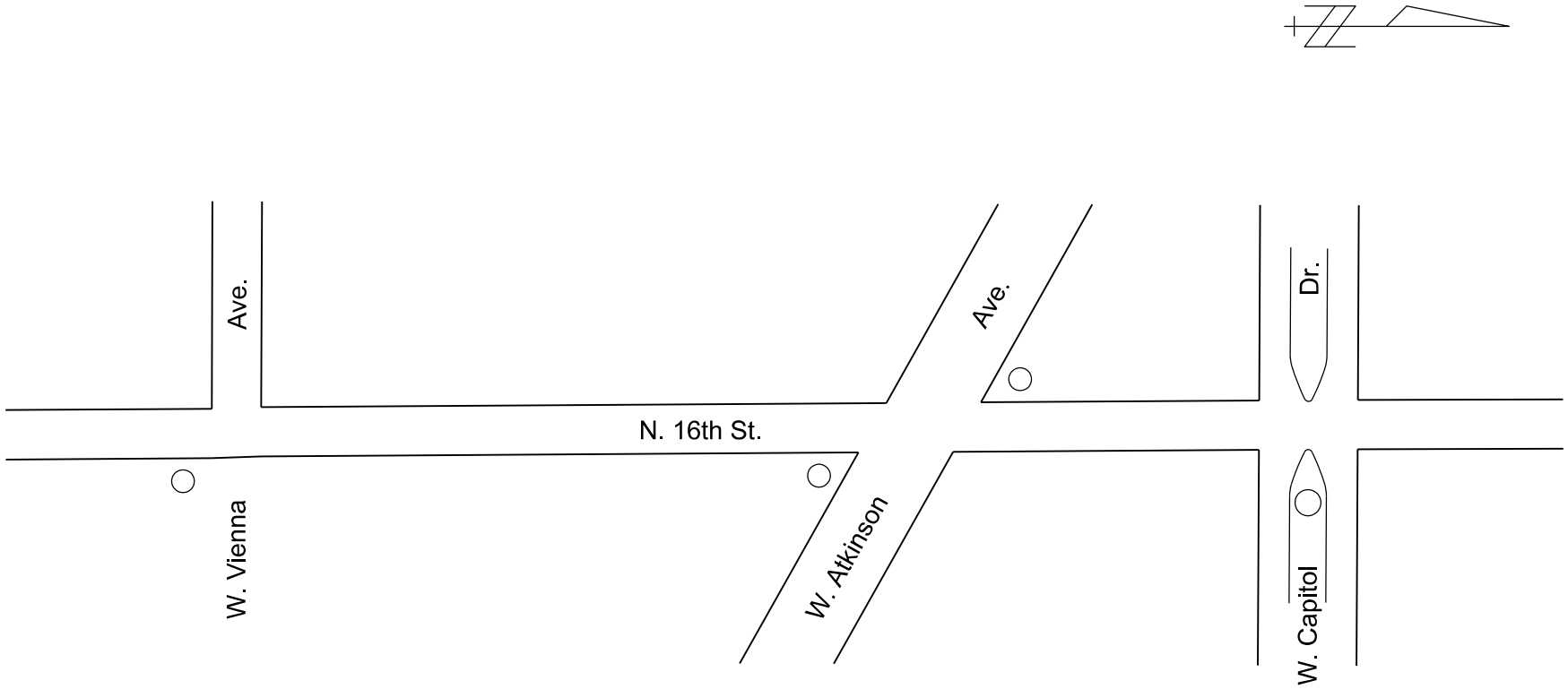
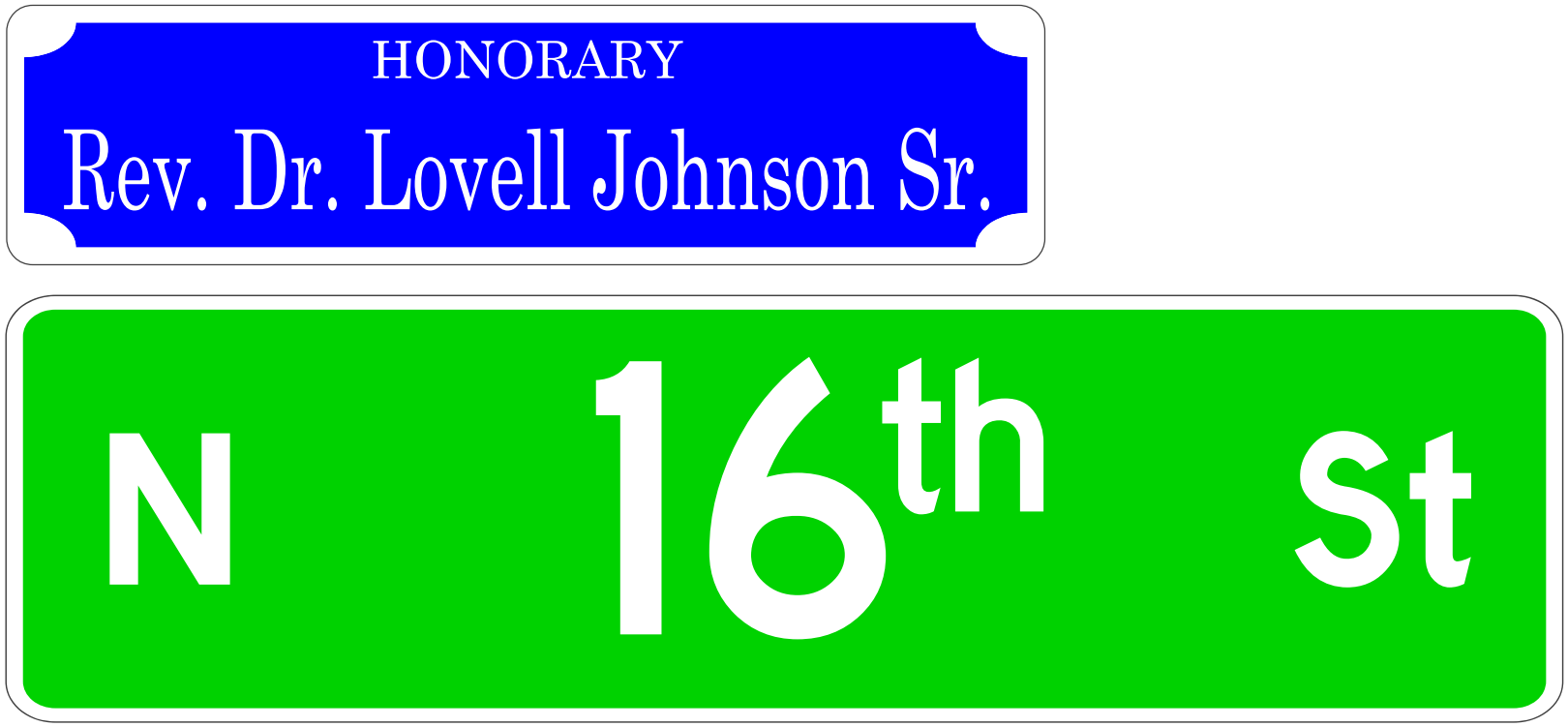
Attachments

North 16th Street from West Vienna Avenue to West Capitol Drive



◯ - Location of street signs where honorary street name of Rev. Dr. Lovell Johnson Sr. will be mounted.

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N. 16th St. from
W. Vienna Ave. to W. Capitol Dr.