



## HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**For Office Use Only:**

Case number: H- Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Applicant information:**

Applicant's Name Vernell Boyles  
Organization or Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 5827 N. 69<sup>th</sup> City/State Milwaukee, WI Zip 53218  
Telephone 414-527-0372 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Honorary Street Name Request**

Street name requested Honorary Tillie Ann Boyles  
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to North 15<sup>th</sup> Street)  
North 41<sup>st</sup> from Florist Ave North to its Terminus @ Cal de Sac

**3. Required Submittals:**

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances
- 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. Street Naming Committee**

- Upon submission of this application, please allow four to six weeks for City staff to review your request with the Street Naming Committee. Upon completion of the City's staff review, this request will be scheduled before the Street Naming Committee. All owners/residents along this street affected by the proposed honorary street name will be notified of the meeting and this is their opportunity to indicate their support or opposition to the honorary street name request. The committee will then make its recommendation to the Public Works Committee (PW). A deposit to cover the City's cost to install and/or fabricate the honorary street signs must be made before this request can be scheduled before the PW Committee. The PW Committee will make their recommendation to the Common Council. The applicant will be notified of the Common Council's action.

**5. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**

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

- Completed Application Form, Plus One Copy.
- Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature Vernell Boyles Date 6/23/08

Printed Name Vernell Boyles, Husband

c: Local Alderman

**June 26, 2008**

**To the Public Works Committee**

**Subject: Request for Honorary Street Naming- "Tillie Ann Boyles Way"  
North 41<sup>st</sup> Street from Florist Avenue North to its terminus**

*"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all"- Proverbs 31.29.*

This statement best personifies the life and work of Mrs. Tillie Ann Boyles. She transitioned from this life into eternity July 14, 2007 leaving many memories of the commitment she demonstrated. The family and friends of Mrs. Boyles would like to commemorate her life through an "Honorary Street Sign". This sign will allow her memory to live on, but more importantly, it will serve as a reminder of our responsibility to be great citizens and neighbors.

Truly a compassionate woman, Mrs. Boyles exemplified servitude in her professional career as a caregiver, and a woman of resolute faith. She is most remembered for the dinners that she cooked- as she loved cooking, but loved sharing her food with everyone- family, friends, friends of friends, and people in need. Each year Mrs. Boyles purchased turkeys for the families in the neighborhood.

Her husband Vernell Boyles describes his wife as "a confidant, friend, life saver, and a tireless warrior for her loved ones. Someone you could share a laugh with and a great listener"- Mrs. Boyles was a woman who loved her husband, children, grandchildren, and family dearly.

People were always welcome in their home and "Mrs. Tillie" as many called her would often be spotted sitting on her front or back porch fellowshipping with the neighbors. She was affectionately known as the neighborhood "block watch"

She was a woman that knew a lot about things and was very informed. Her insight and spirituality were gifts she used to bless and benefit many families during the twenty years they resided in the neighborhood. Often, one to offer guidance and advice, Mrs. Tillie, was a pillar of love. She cared and never ceased to wear her concern for youth and families on her sleeve.

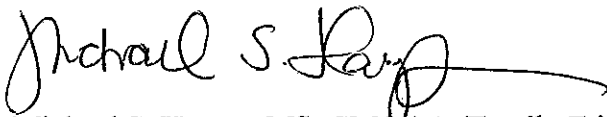
Mrs. Boyles children carry the same loving kindness and consideration for the community. They have not only lived in the neighborhood, but prior to their moving into Berryland, worked at the recreation department that once occupied the play lot. Their family has had a significant impact on the neighborhood, and the loss of Mrs. Boyles was felt by many. To honor her with this sign is a small token to her life and the legacy she leaves. Her love lives in our hearts. We would like to recognize and honor her service through this sign, but more importantly our hope is to encourage this type of goodwill and community involvement among the residents of the community.

This section of the street is being requested because it is the block where the family resided for almost twenty years. The Boyles family and their children moved into Berryland, one of the City's residences for veterans. Mr. Boyles served his country for several years, and in effort to provide stable housing for his family chose this community for consistent and stable housing. It was the resourcefulness of Mrs. Boyles that identified the opportunity to build a base for their family, while leveraging the benefit of Mr. Boyles service to his country. This is the community where "Tillie created an indelible mark on the residents- young, old, disabled, and distressed. She was no respecter of persons, and made it her duty to serve all in need.

An honorary street is obviously distinguishable from an official street name. The honorary street name sign is mounted with the official street name sign. Honorary street names will not be used to address property, which are needed for property identification for emergency services; therefore, the official street name sign should be more prominent than an honorary street name sign. This is accomplished by requiring the honorary street sign to be smaller in overall size and letter font than an official street sign.

This request is humbly submitted for consideration and approval. We will be celebrating the home going of Mrs. Tillie Ann Boyles this summer at the Agape Community Center, a partner and friend. We appreciate your assistance in this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. Harper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Michael S. Harper, MS, CM&AA (Family Friend and Neighbor)  
6809 N. Seville Ave., Glendale, WI 53209

