



HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

2nd Floor, City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

For Office Use Only:

Case number: H- Recommendation: _____

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name JASON SPENCER / BROOKS FAMILY
Organization or Company GUARDING LIGHT MB. CHURCH
Street Address 4310 W. CONGRESS ST City/State MILWAUKEE, WI Zip 53218
Telephone 414-241-8042 Fax _____ Email jdscom2003@yahoo.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested PASTOR WILLIE F BROOKS, SR.
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)
WEST BROWN STREET FROM NORTH 22ND TO NORTH 24TH STREET

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, plus a \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
☒ Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature Jason Spencer / Brooks Family Date 1/11/09

Printed Name JASON SPENCER / BROOKS FAMILY

c: Local Alderman ALD. WILLIE HINES

Pastor Willie F. Brooks, Sr. has pastored the Guiding Light M.B. Church for 35 years and for the last two he served as pastor of the True Light Baptist Church with his wife of 53 years at his side.

In observing the ministry of the church on many occasions, I recommend that the Street be name honorary after Pastor Willie Frank Brooks, Sr. for his unselfish and dedicated work in the ministry. The area that we are requesting is **West Brown from North 22nd Street to North 24th Street.**

For over thirty years, Pastor Brooks along with his small congregation have made a definite impact in their community. Although they may not have the resources of a larger church, they yet do what they can with what they have. Rev. Brooks had developed:

Drug and alcohol rehabilitation Program- When a member joins Guiding Light, Rev. Brooks finds out if there employed or if they have any type of habit or problem that needs to be eradicated. Every morning he meets with the men for breakfast and prayer. After prayer and breakfast they try to find out what type of vocation they might have in order to find some type of work whether it is temporary or permanent.

Moments of Inspiration for Women- Where the women meet once a week to discuss issues of life and find a biblical way to face and conquer them.

After School Program- During the school year the church provides tutoring for students who need help in a particular field of study.

Summer Youth Enrichment Program-In the summer months when the kids are out of school, the church provides tutoring and other enrichment courses for children in the neighborhood. This program is facilitated by ***Mrs. Jimmie Brooks.*** The day begins with breakfast for the children, and then the children separate into different curriculums depending upon the need. The program also provides lunch for the children before they go home.

Even though Mrs. Brooks is the First Lady of Guiding Light, she never fails to serve as the head usher 51 out of 52 Sundays a year.

The congregation treats everyone like a family, thereby affectionately calling the Pastor & Wife (***Papa & Mama Brooks***). They are willing to do whatever they can to help somebody. They have also purchased property around the church in order to be able to help the members as well as the community. I believe that

Rev. Brooks was the only landlord where you could negotiate your rent and the payments.

He was a very meek and humble man, and would give you the shirt off his back; the bible says the meek shall inherit the earth.

Although I believe he deserved a fine home and luxury cars, he feel that meeting the needs of the people in the community was much more important.

On Wednesday, July 16, 2008, God in his infinite wisdom decided that is was time for Pastor Brooks to rest from his love employ. Even though we will miss Pastor Brooks, his memory is forever embedded in the hearts of his family, friends and church family.

It is our hope that you favorably decide to grant our request to bestow the neighborhood with an honorary street name in his honor, where he unselfishly served the community.



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