



Legislation Text

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SUBSTITUTE 1

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A substitute ordinance relating to the naming of public streets, buildings, and other facilities.

113-4 cr

This ordinance allows the regular procedure for naming or renaming public streets, buildings, and other facilities to be suspended whenever four-fifths of the common council members elect vote to name or rename a particular public street, building, or other facility.

Whereas, Section 113-3 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the City follow a complex multi-step process when seeking to change the name of a public street, building, or other facility; and

Whereas, The process includes the need for the City to conduct a postcard survey of residents, businesses, and owners of property along the street, with at least 50 percent of respondents required to support the name change in order for the proposal to move forward; and

Whereas, Writing and sending postcards is an outdated mode of communication given the City's ability to accept electronic comments when requesting public input; and

Whereas, Under the current name-changing process, non-residents of the city who own businesses on the affected street have the power to block name changes that may otherwise be supported by the Common Council and city residents; and

Whereas, The City needs an alternative procedure for changing or assigning the names of public streets, buildings, and other facilities such that Common Council members, who represent the will of the people, may change or assign a name, provided that at least four-fifths of the members elect of the Common Council approve of such action; now, therefore

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 113-4 of the code is created to read:

113-4. Alternative Naming and Renaming Procedure. The provisions of s. 113-3 shall be suspended whenever at least four-fifths of the members elect of the common council vote to approve the naming or renaming of any public street, building, or facility.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative Reference Bureau

Date: _____

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney

Date: _____

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