AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 42 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 TO RELAIVE TO THE CREATION OF AN HONORARY STREET-NAME DESIGNATION PROGRAM

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Chapter 12 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting a new section 11A as follows:

§11A. Honorary Street-Name Designation

- (a) There is hereby established an honorary street-name designation program as further provided in this section 11A.
- (b) Individuals or groups that have distinguished themselves by significant contributions to the City, state, nation, or world may be honored through an honorary street-name designation ("Designation").
- (c) A Designation shall be proposed through a petition filed with the City Council. The petition shall state the name of the individual or group intended to be honored and the series of blocks to receive the Designation. The petition shall be accompanied by a biography of, and the reason(s) for honoring, the individual or group and a map indicating the blocks for the Designation. A Designation shall not extend beyond two contiguous blocks and shall be applied to a single street.
- (d) When the City Council approves a Designation, the street shall retain its official name and its legal status. The Department of Public Works and Parks shall issue two signs, each to be installed on an existing pole at either end of the section of street designated.
 - (e) The City Council may limit the time a Designation remains in place.
- (f) The adoption of any such petition shall be deemed to include the acceptance of a gift from the petitioner, in an amount established by the commissioner of public works and parks, for the actual cost to the city to create, erect, and if applicable, remove the Designation.
 - (g) Additional requirements and restrictions.
 - (1) If a Designation proposal is considered and rejected, no new Designation proposal on behalf of the same individual or group may be requested for a period of one year.
 - (2) When a section of street has received a Designation, no other proposals for that section of street shall be considered while it has that Designation.
 - (3) Proposals shall not be for names that could be considered derogatory, pejorative, or obscene.
 - 4) The proposed Designation may not duplicate an official street name.
 - 5) Only City of Worcester public streets are eligible to host a Designation.

In City Council June 22, 2021

Passed to be Ordained by a yea and nay vote of Ten Yeas and No Nays

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Nikolin Vangjeli City Clerk