

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008
RELATIVE 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 deleting section 11A in its entirety and 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) The honoree of an honorary street name designation ("Designation") must be a past or current resident, or residents, of the City that made a demonstrable and significant positive impact on the community or contributed to the cultural, economic, educational, intellectual, political, or scientific vitality of the community or have made an extraordinary contribution in the service of humanity. Commercial and corporate recognition does not qualify.

(c) A Designation should be proposed through a petition filed with the city councilor in whose district the Designation will be located. If a petition is filed with a councilor-at-large or the mayor, the district councilor shall be notified of the petition prior to submission. The petition shall state the name of the individual(s) 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 individuals 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 Designation shall consist of two signs, each to be installed on an existing pole at either end of the section of street designated. The Designation signs shall only be installed by the Department of Public Works & Parks.

(e) That special consideration be given to the district councilor of whichever district the honorary street name will exist, as well as the Mayor, when the honorary street signage is planned for installation. Further, that such an event for the unveiling of the honorary street be planned through said district councilor and the city council office staff.

(f) The Designation shall be for a term of ten (10) years. If no new petition is pending for the same location, the Designation shall automatically renew for another ten years, unless otherwise voted by the City Council. Those streets which have been designated prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be deemed to have been designated on the effective date of this ordinance and the first ten-year period shall commence on that date.

(g) Upon adoption of such petition, a payment to the City in the amount established by the commissioner of public works and parks based on the actual cost to create the signage.

(h) 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 (1) year.

(2) When a section of street has received a Designation, no other proposals for that section of street shall be approved 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.

(i) At any time, the City Council may revoke and remove a Designation by a majority vote.

In City Council

April 15, 2025

Passed to be Ordained by a yea and nay vote of Seven Yeas and Three Nays

A Copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikolin Vangjeli', is written over a rectangular area with a light green dotted grid pattern.

**Nikolin Vangjeli
City Clerk**