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## CITY COUNCIL

### GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President Pro Tem James Tate II, Chairperson  
Council Member Fred Durhal III, Vice Chairperson  
Council Member Latisha Johnson, Member

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: March 13, 2024

RE: Amendment to Sec. 43-3-41. Assignment of secondary street signs permitted.

Language underlined in red are proposed amendments to Sec. 43-3-41. Assignment of secondary street signs permitted.

- (a) A street may be assigned a secondary street sign that displays a different name than the official street name in accordance with this division.
- (b) The assignment of a secondary street sign is for purposes of honorary recognition only and shall not replace the official street name or require changing official maps, surveys, or records.
- (c) The assignment of a secondary street sign may be sought to recognize a person who meets the following criteria:
  - (1) The person has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant positive and extraordinary contributions to the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, the United States of America, or the international community:
  - (2) The person was a resident of the City for a cumulative time of not less than ten years, unless either:
    - a. The person was a resident of Metro-Detroit, State of Michigan, the United States; and
      1. The secondary street sign is requested by a City Council member pursuant to the procedure provided in Subdivision C of this division, and
      2. Separate letters of concurrence from at least three City Council members, including the City Council member who submitted the request, describing the particular circumstances, which justify exempting the proposed honoree from the requirement that an honoree was a resident of the City for a cumulative time of not less than ten years, are attached to the request when forwarded to the Legislative Policy Division pursuant to Section 43-3-61(b) of

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this Code in addition to the other attachments required by Section 43-3-61(c) of this code; and

- (3) The person has been deceased for a period of not less than five years, unless either:
- a. The person is deceased, and
    1. Held a public office in the federal government;
    2. Died, or sustained an injury that caused death, while performing his or her duty as a police officer, firefighter, or member of the emergency medical services for the City; or
    3. Served as a member of the United States Armed Forces, including the reserve components, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, or died while on active duty in the United States Armed Forces; or
  - b. The person is either alive or deceased; and
    1. The secondary street sign is requested by a City Council member pursuant to the procedure provided in Subdivision C of this division; and
    2. Separate letters of concurrence from at least three City Council members, including the City Council member who submitted the request, describing the particular circumstances, which justify exempting the proposed honoree from the requirement that an honoree be deceased for a period of not less than five years, are attached to the request when forwarded to the Legislative Policy Division pursuant to Section 43-3-61(b) of this Code in addition to the other attachments required by Section 43-3-61(c) of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2019-44 , § 1, eff. 12-23-2019)

Secondly, I propose to change language in the ordinance to use gender neutral pronouns.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office  
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison