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Detroit City Council  
1340 Coleman A. Young  
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Re: Ordinance to amend Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*, Article III, *Opening, Closing, Extending, Widening, Vacating, Naming and Renaming of Streets*, Subdivision A, *Generally*, by amending Section 43-3-41, *Assignment of secondary street signs permitted*.

Honorable City Council:

Council Councilmember Gabriela Santiago-Romero has requested that the Law Department prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*, Article III, *Opening, Closing, Extending, Widening, Vacating, Naming and Renaming of Streets*, Subdivision A, *Generally* by amending Section 43-3-41, *Assignment of secondary street signs permitted*, to allow for non-Detroit residents to be eligible for secondary street signs in certain circumstances. A copy of the ordinance which has been approved as to form is attached for your review and consideration.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have regarding this proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Anderson  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
City of Detroit Law Department

*Enclosure*  
cc: Malik Washington

## SUMMARY

This Ordinance amends Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*, Article III, *Opening, Closing, Extending, Widening, Vacating, Naming and Renaming of Streets*, Subdivision A, *Generally*, by amending Section 43-3-41, *Assignment of secondary street signs permitted*, to allow for non-Detroit residents to be eligible for secondary street signs in certain circumstances.

1 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ :**

2 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND** Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets,*  
3 *Sidewalks and Other Public Places*, Article III, *Opening, Closing Extending, Widening, Vacating,*  
4 *Naming and Renaming of Streets and Assigning Secondary Names to Streets*, Division 3,  
5 *Secondary Naming of Streets*, Subdivision A. *Generally*, by amending Section 43-3-41,  
6 *Assignment of secondary street signs permitted*, to allow for non-Detroit residents to be eligible  
7 for secondary street signs in certain circumstances.

8 **IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT**  
9 **THAT:**

10 **Section 1.** Chapter 43 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public*  
11 *Places*, Article III, Division 3, be amended by amending Subdivision A, Section 43-3-41, to read  
12 as follows:

13 **CHAPTER 43. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

14 **ARTICLE III. OPENING, CLOSING, EXTENDING, WIDENING,**

15 **VACATING, NAMING, AND RENAMING OF STREETS AND**

16 **ASSIGNING SECONDARY NAMES TO STREETS**

17 **DIVISION 3. SECONDARY NAMING OF STREETS**

18 **Subdivision A. Generally**

19 **Sec. 43-3-41. Assignment of Secondary Streets Signs Permitted.**

20 (a) A street may be assigned a secondary street sign that displays a different name than  
21 the official street name in accordance with this division.

1 (b) The assignment of a secondary street sign is for purposes of honorary recognition  
2 only and shall not replace the official street name or require changing official maps, surveys, or  
3 records.

4 (c) The assignment of a secondary street sign may be sought to recognize a person who  
5 meets the following criteria:

6 (1) The person has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant positive  
7 and extraordinary contributions to the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, the United  
8 States of America, or the international community; and

9 (2) The person was a resident of the City, or has been buried or interred in the City, for  
10 a cumulative time of not less than ten years; and or

11 (3) The person was a resident the State of Michigan and of the general Metro-Detroit  
12 area; and

13 a. The secondary street sign is requested by a City Council member pursuant  
14 to the procedure provided in Subdivision C of this division, and

15 b. Separate letters of concurrence from at least three City Council members,  
16 including the City Council member who submitted the request, describing  
17 the particular circumstances, which justify exempting the proposed honoree  
18 from the requirement that an honoree was a resident of the City for a  
19 cumulative time of not less than ten years, are attached to the request when  
20 forwarded to the Legislative Policy Division pursuant to Section 43-3-61(b)  
21 of this Code in addition to the other attachments required by Section 43-3  
22 61(c) of this code; and

23 (4) The person has been deceased for a period of not less than five years, unless either:


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

22           **Section 2.** This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace, health,  
23 safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

1           **Section 3.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are  
2 repealed.

3           **Section 4.** In the event this ordinance is passed by a two-thirds majority of City Council  
4 Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon publication in  
5 accordance with Section 4-118(1) of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this ordinance is passed  
6 by less than a two-thirds majority of City Council Members serving, it shall become effective on  
7 the 30th day after enactment in accordance with Section 4-118(2) of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

**Approved as to form:**

  
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Conrad L. Mallett  
Corporation Counsel