

CITY COUNCIL OF ERIE

INTRODUCED BY: MR. TROOP

COUNCIL FILE NO. 16, 423 OFFICIAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 952 Honorary Renaming of Streets – Secondary Street Signs to simplify the process of renaming streets in the City of Erie.

WHEREAS, in December 2023, City Council passed Ordinance 80-2023 which amended Part 9: Title Seven – Other Public Services by creating “Article 952 Honorary Renaming of Streets – Secondary Street Signs”; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to further amend and restate Article 952 to simplify the street renaming process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA:

Section 1: Article 952 Renaming Streets

Section 952.01. Assignment of secondary street signs permitted; criteria.

- (a) A street may be assigned a secondary street sign that displays a different name than the official street name in accordance with this Article.
- (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 or organization who meets the following criteria:
 - (1) The person or organization has achieved prominence as a result of significant, positive, and extraordinary contributions to the City of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States of America, or the international community; and
 - (2) The person was a resident of the City for a cumulative time of not less than ten (10) years or, the organization was in operation in Erie for a cumulative time of not less than twenty five (25) years.

Article 952.02. Location of secondary street signs.

- (a) The secondary street sign shall be placed above the official street sign and be of a different color than the official street sign.
- (b) A maximum of one secondary street sign shall be placed at an identified intersection in an area significant to the honoree’s historical residence or historical contribution.

(c) If a secondary street sign is assigned to an intersection that has another secondary street sign, the secondary street sign that was assigned earlier may be subject to removal in accordance with Section 952.03 of this Code.

Article 952.03. Removal of secondary street signs.

A secondary street sign may be subject to removal at any time after a period of ten (10) years from the date of the sign's installation pursuant to a majority vote of City Council.

Article 952.04. Limit on quantity of secondary street signs requested.

No member of Council may sponsor a request more than two (2) secondary street signs during any term of office.

Article 952.05. Procedure.

(a) A petition for a secondary street sign shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

(b) The petitioner shall provide the following as an attachment to the petition:

(1) Information pertaining to the proposed honoree, including a biography, honors received, contributions to the local, State, national, or international community, and other information that is sufficient to accurately assess the satisfaction of the criteria provided in Section 952.01 of this Code;

(2) A letter of concurrence from either the proposed honoree's surviving spouse or living descendants, if any such persons are practically accessible and able to provide such letter of concurrence;

(3) The proposed location for the installation of the secondary street sign consistent with Section 952.02 of this Code;

(4) Information that is sufficient to accurately assess the appropriateness of the secondary street sign for the proposed location; and

(5) Proof of payment of the application fee described in Subsection (c) of this section.

(c) A non-refundable application fee of \$100 shall be charged for the administration, processing, issuance, and enforcement of the petition under this division. Payment of the application fee shall be made payable to "City Treasurer," and submitted to the City Clerk.

(d) Upon receipt of a petition for a secondary street sign, and the non-refundable application fee, the Office of the City Clerk shall report receipt of the petition to City Council.

(e) Subject to the limitations of Article 952.04, a petition must be sponsored by a member of City Council.

Article 952.06. Consideration by City Council

Upon sponsorship by a member of City Council, the Petition shall be presented to City Council for consideration. After consideration, City Council may grant the petition for a secondary street sign through the adoption of a resolution.

Article 952.07. Resolution by City Council authorizing secondary street sign.

Where a petition for a secondary street sign is granted by City Council, a certified copy of the resolution adopting the request shall be transmitted by the Office of the City Clerk to the City of Erie Fire Department, City of Erie Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the United States Postal Service.

Article 952.08. Duties of the Department of Public Works.

(a) After adoption of a resolution granting a petition for a secondary street sign by City Council, the Department of Public Works shall collect payment from the petitioner of an installation fee in the amount of \$500 prior to the installation of the secondary street sign for the cost of designing, producing, and installing the sign; and

(b) The Department of Public Works shall erect the secondary street sign within forty-five (45) days from receipt of payment of the installation fee.

Section 2. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 3. General repeal.

All ordinances and part of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

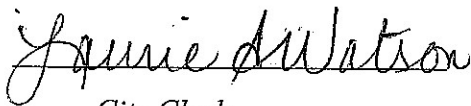
Section 4. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

We do hereby certify that the within Ordinance was finally passed by the Erie City Council on MAR 20 2024, 2024.

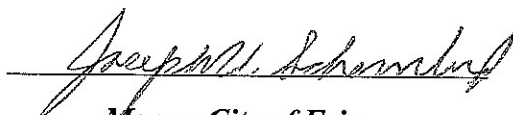
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Attest:


City Clerk


President of Council

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF March, 2024.


Mayor, City of Erie
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