

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE HONORING NAMING OF CITY STREETS**

**Section 1. Title**

This local law shall be known as Local Law No. \_\_\_ for the year 2021.

**Section 2, Legislative Findings, Intent and Purpose.**

It is hereby found and determined that the creation of an honorary street naming dedication program enables the City of Hudson to commemorate individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and humanity. These honorary street names are meant to commemorate the honoree and do not replace the official street name or require re-addressing of the street involved.

**Section 3. Statement of Authority**

This local law is authorized by General City Law and the Municipal Home Rule Law (chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

**Section 4. Amendment to the Code of the City of Hudson**

There is hereby created a new Chapter 267 of the Code of the City of Hudson entitled “Street Naming” which shall consist of the following:

**§ 267-1. Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a process and criteria for the honorary dedication of streets within the City to commemorate individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and humanity. Honorary street names are meant to commemorate the honoree and do not replace the official street name or require re-addressing of the street involved or any properties located on the street.

**§ 267-2. Criteria for approval.**

A. The Common Council shall evaluate and approve all honorary street naming dedications pursuant to the following criteria:

- (1) The honoree must have 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.
- (2) The honoree must be a natural person, and no living individual shall be the subject of a proposed dedication, except by unanimous consent of the Common Council.
- (3) Proposals shall not be for names that could reasonably be considered derogatory, obscene or blasphemous.

(4) Honorary designations shall be confined to the right-of-way within the vicinity of the home, organization, or location associated with the honoree.

(5) The proposed name may not duplicate or be potentially confused with the name of an official City street name.

(6) Each Council member and the Mayor may propose up to two honorary dedications per calendar year except in the circumstance where the naming is upon the request of the Mayor, in which case it shall not be counted as a dedication by the Council member. Dedications by Council members shall be within their respective wards.

B. The Common Council shall consider the honorary street naming dedication at a Council meeting, and the decision to adopt an honorary street name based on the criteria in this section shall be effectuated through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council and forwarded to the Mayor for his approval or veto as provided in the City Charter.

#### **§ 267-2. Application procedure.**

A. Requests from the public for honorary dedications shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk, with an application fee of \$50 (except when sponsored by a Common Council Member or the Mayor) in accordance with the following criteria:

(1) The submission shall provide the name and contact information of the person or group requesting an honorary street dedication;

(2) The submission shall state the name of the individual or group intended to be honored;

(3) The submission shall be accompanied by a biography of and the reasons for honoring the individual or group, including the person or group's relevance to the location being proposed;

(4) The applicant shall include a map of the location of the proposed honorary street dedication, including total length of the street to be affected and bounding streets or other boundaries as necessary.

B. Upon receipt of a completed application, the Common Council shall review the submission for compliance with the requirements set forth in this article, and shall have 90 days to make a determination on the application. This review shall include providing the Hudson Police Department and Department of Public Works with a copy of the completed application, so both Departments can evaluate and transmit a report to the Council, to ensure the proposed signage will not be confusing to the public. Upon expiration of the 90 days, absent action by the Council, the request is deemed denied.

C. If a resolution to approve the proposed honorary street dedication is adopted, then the party requesting the dedication shall deposit funds equal to the cost of the signage, not to exceed \$300, with the City Treasurer's Office, and upon receipt of such payment, the signage will be created and installed by the Department of Public Works in accordance with this article. This fee shall not apply to naming requests presented by alderpersons or the Mayor.

**§ 267-3. Signage and restrictions.**

A. In order to provide for consistency in naming of streets and to promote safety of the community, all honorary street dedication signs must conform to the following criteria:

(1) Honorary street dedication signs must be mounted in a way that distinguishes them and does not detract from the primary street sign and therefore may be mounted above or below the primary street sign, or in any other way that is clearly distinguishable from the primary street sign.

(2) Honorary street dedication signs shall have a distinct design, as determined by the Department of Public Works, and be in a contrasting color to distinguish them from primary street name signs.

B. Only a segment of street between one and four contiguous blocks may be proposed for honorary street designation, and in the case of walkways, trails, or bicycle paths, the designation may apply to the entire length of the way.

C. Honorary street dedication signs are valid only for a period of 10 years, at which point the signage may be removed by the City unless the period of placement is extended by the Common Council.

D. Signs may be removed at any point as deemed necessary by resolution of the Common Council.

**Section 5. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing of this law with the Secretary of State.

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor