

**90-R-20**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Designating that Portion of Church Street  
Between Darrow and Dodge Avenue with the  
Honorary Street Name Sign, “Clifford James Wilson Way”**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Clifford James Wilson has been a vital member of Evanston’s community, as the oldest tenured pastor of any church in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson co-founded and served as convener for the Evanston Pastor’s fellowship for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson serves as the co-chair for “Evanston Own It,” a multid denominational Pastors Consortium which supports the Mayor’s Summer Youth jobs program and many other positive endeavors throughout the community. Through Evanston Own It, Pastor Wilson has led the charge to ensure that the youth of Evanston continue to have summer employment opportunities by fundraising for the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson established a relationship with the leaders at the Evanston Police Department in an effort to bridge the gap between the police and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson partnered with attorney Byrdie Brownridge Tucker to establish a drop-in center (DWILI) at Mt. Pisgah Ministry for children to study and access the internet. Pastor Wilson, in continuance of his dedication to education of Evanston youth, also established a scholarship fund to assist students in pursuing college degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson is a well-known orator and singer performing at many events throughout Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson is known internationally for his missionary work in South Africa for over twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson has lead the call to prayer for nearly every Evanston National Night Out; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Wilson, along with his wife Sherron Angela Wilson, have resided in Evanston since 1973. Pastor Wilson and his wife have four children and six grandchildren. His family has grown and prospered in Evanston with his children and two grandchildren attending Evanston Township High School,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

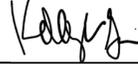
**SECTION 2:** On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Pastor Clifford James Wilson by designating that portion of Church Street between Darrow Avenue and Dodge Avenue “Clifford James Wilson Way.”

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution 90-R-20 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



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Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Approved as to form:



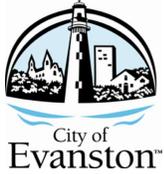
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Kelley A. Gandurksi, Corporation Counsel

Attest:



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Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: November 9, 2020



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## City of Evanston Honorary Street Name Sign Application Form

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** The Honorary Street Name Sign program was established to allow citizens the opportunity to honor people who have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historic, or humanitarian acts. Request for an honorary designation has to originate with an Alderman and each Alderman may have one honorary designation approved each year. Honorary street name signs are displayed for a period of ten-years and the portion of a street so designated is one block long. The program is administered by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board through the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Final approval is granted by the Evanston City Council.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW:

NAME OF HONOREE: Clifford James Wilson  
(as it would appear on the street sign)

PROPER STREET NAME: Church Street

INTERSECTING STREETS AT EACH END OF THE ONE BLOCK AREA:

Darrow Avenue, and Dodge Avenue

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR EACH OF THE APPLICABLE CRITERIA. A STREET CAN BE NAMED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, OR GROUP/DESIGNATION.

✓ CULTURAL IMPACT TO CITY: Pastor Clifford Wilson has been a constant, and important member of the city as the oldest tenured pastor of any church in Evanston. Pastor Wilson co-founded and served as convener for the Evanston Pastor's fellowship for 4 years. He also serves as co-chair for "Evanston Own It," a multi-denominational Pastors Consortium supporting the Mayor of Evanston's summer jobs program for the Youth and other positive endeavors in the community. Pastor Wilson is a well know orator and singer with many requests for his appearances at numerous events city wide. He has led the call to prayer for nearly every Evanston Night Out.

\_\_ HISTORICAL IMPACT TO CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS: As a co-founder and leader of Evanston Own It, Pastor Wilson has led the charge to ensure that the youth of Evanston had gainful summer employment. He along with other pastors in Evanston's African American community coordinated to raise money through numerous efforts and channels to provide the youth of Evanston with these opportunities. His unquestioned support of law enforcement and inequities in the community led Pastor Wilson to establish a relationship with leaders within the EPD in an effort to bridge the gap between police and the community. Pastor Wilson made the decision to partnership with Attorney Byrdie Brownridge Tucker and established a drop-in center (DWILI) at Mt. Pisgah Ministry as a location for children to study and have access to the internet, and because education is a priority for him, Pastor Wilson established a scholarship fund to assist students with college fees. Pastor Wilson is well known internationally and his missionary work in South Africa spans over 20 years.

✓ CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH EVANSTON: Pastor Wilson moved to Evanston in December of 1973. He is married to Sherron Angela Wilson with whom he has four children; Katie, Christian, Jacqueline, and Jessica; and six grandchildren. His family has grown and prospered in Evanston with his children and two of his grandchildren (Jasmine, Larissa) attending Evanston Township High School. His son Christian was an exceptional football player at the high school earning a full college scholarship to Indiana State University. His daughter, Dr. Jessica Wilson, a double board-certified physician, also graduated from ETHS, and graduated from the University of Illinois, and Rosalind Franklin Medical School and currently runs and owns her medical practice in St. Thomas, USVI.

\_\_\_ DISTINGUISHED CAREER BROUGHT TO THE CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF STREET TO FOCUS OF INTEREST

Mt. Pisgah Ministry is located at 1811 Church Street in Evanston and is the location that Pastor Wilson has ministered locally and globally at for over 40 years.

✓ A LIVING INDIVIDUAL (EXCLUSIVE OF CITY OF EVANSTON STAFF)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Aldersperson)

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed form to:  
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Elder Carlis L. Moody, Jr. Senior Pastor

October 2, 2020

Dear Alderman Roe Simmons,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the proposal to name the 1800 block of Church Street after Elder Clifford Wilson.

I have known Elder Wilson for many years and am proud to call him a close friend of mine. He is a true servant of the Lord and of the city of Evanston. He has been an inspiration to my church, an encourager and friend to me. I could not think of one more deserving than he. Elder Wilson has made and continues to make a great impact on this city. He desires to see Evanston flourish and has personally taken on the burden of doing whatever is necessary to expedite that process.

In conclusion, This would be a great honor bestowed upon a great man. I would be remiss if I did not show the utmost support for this proposal. Therefore, on behalf of myself and the entire Faith Temple family, we affirm our support for the proposal to name the 1800 block of Church Street after Elder Clifford Wilson. Thank you so much for you time.

Your Servant,

Pastor Carlis