

56-R-02

A RESOLUTION

**Designating the Portion of Noyes Street
Between Ridge Avenue and Noyes Court
With the Honorary Name, "Byrne Piven"**

WHEREAS, Resolution 39-R-96 established an Honorary Street Name Sign Program to honor certain individuals who have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historic, or humanitarian acts; and

WHEREAS, Byrne Piven, Co-Founder and Artist Director of the Piven Theatre Workshop, created an organization that has flourished in Evanston for thirty years, growing into a nationally acclaimed actor training center for children and adults, a subscription theatre and a center for numerous outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Byrne Piven has championed extensive programming for the underserved at the Piven Theatre Workshop; and

WHEREAS, the Piven Theatre Workshop has granted scholarships to Evanston children, donated free tickets to Evanston organizations, and created business partnerships with other Evanston businesses; and

WHEREAS, Byrne Piven was a key player in the growth of Chicago as a center for theatre and improvisation; and

WHEREAS, Byrne Piven taught thousands of students, gave actors like John and Joan Cusack, Aiden Quinn and many others their start in theatre, and was an active director and actor both on stage and in film; and

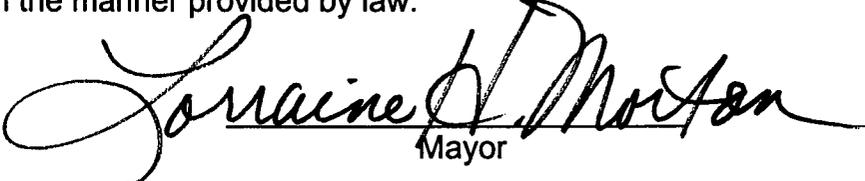
WHEREAS, Byrne Piven and his wife Joyce have received many awards including the Evanston Arts Council Youth and Education Award, the Evanston Mayors Award for the Arts, the Chicago Drama League's Crystal Award, and the University of Chicago's Glorious Gargoyle Award for lifetime contribution to the theatre; and

WHEREAS, Byrne Piven and his wife Joyce were honored in the year 2000 with a Joseph Jefferson Award for lifetime achievement,

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

SECTION 1: That appreciation is hereby expressed to Byrne Piven for his service to the City of Evanston by designating with the honorary name, "Byrne Piven," that portion of Noyes Street from Ridge Avenue to Noyes Court.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Adopted: July 22, 2002