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WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: _____
Date of publication: _____

2025 ORDINANCE 12

AN ORDINANCE to create 157-10, relating to: Honorary Naming of County Trunk Highways.

The people of the County of Washington, represented in the Board of Supervisors, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 157-10 of the code is created to read:

§ 157-10 Honorary Naming of County Highways. The County Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, confer an honorary name upon a County Highway or any segment thereof.

A. General. Words and phrases not defined herein shall have their standard dictionary meanings.

B. Specific words and phrases.

(1) “County Highway” means a County Trunk Highway as described in Wis. Stat §83.025 and that falls under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

(2) “Honorary name” means a commemorative designation conferred by the County Board that is distinct from and does not replace the official legal name of a County Highway used for mapping, addressing, or emergency services.

C. Voting Requirement. The adoption of a resolution conferring an Honorary Name requires a vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) members-elect of the County Board.

D. Removal or Amendment of Honorary Name. The County Board by resolution, may remove or amend an Honorary Name previously approved. Adoption of such a resolution requires a vote of three-fourths (3/4) members-elect of the County Board.

E. Effect of Honorary Naming. The conferring of an Honorary Name shall not constitute a renaming of the County Highway for any legal or administrative purposes, and shall not require the alteration of:

(1) Any official highway name recognized by Washington County or any other governmental authority.

(2) Any postal address or property address assigned to parcels, buildings or improvements along the County Highway.

(3) Any geographic system identifiers or mapping references.

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2 F. Signage and Cost. Any signage reflecting an honorary name shall comply with state
3 standards for such signage and shall be installed, maintained, and when applicable,
4 removed under the direction of the Washington County Highway Department unless
5 otherwise provided by law. Costs associated with signage and related administration
6 shall be allocated as determined by the County Board.
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8 G. Repeal. Repeal or amendment of this Ordinance shall require a vote of three-fourths
9 (3/4) members-elect of the County Board.
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11 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective upon passage
12 by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive and publication as provided by law.
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14 **SECTION 3. SUMMARY.** Ordinance creating honorary naming of County Trunk
15 Highways.
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19 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority.
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21 Approved as to form:

Introduced by members of the WASHINGTON
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 as filed with the County Clerk.

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26 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated _____
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29 Jeffrey D. Schleif, Chairperson

Approved:
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Considered _____
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33 Josh Schoemann, County Executive

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Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____
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Veto
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Voice Vote _____

Partial Veto

Countersigned:
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40 Jeffrey D. Schleif, County Board Chairperson

(There is no direct fiscal impact to create this ordinance.)