

**APPLICATION FOR HONORARY STREET  
CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA**

**Applicant:** (Name of person filing this application)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name    First Name    M/I

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address    City    State/Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant is other than an individual, please also provide for the entity:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address    City    State/Zip

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honoree:** (the person, place or community marker to be recognized with an Honorary Sign)

Name of Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary of Reason for Honoring the Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Information.** With respect to the significant person, significant place or community marker for which the Honorary Sign is requested, please provide the following:

- (a) Detailed Written History. Please attach to this application on separate sheets a detailed written history or biographical of the Significant person, Significant Place or Community Marker for which the Honorary Sign is requested. Please provide the source for the information provided so that it can be checked and verified by researchers, investigators, etc., of the City of Bessemer.
- (b) Detailed Writing of Contributions. Please attach to this application on separate sheets a detailed writing of the contributions clearly demonstrating and documenting the service to or place in the community deserving of honorary status.
- (c) Supporting Documents. Please attach to this application a copy of each document relied upon by the applicant to demonstrate the contribution or points of historical significance the person, place or marker deserving of the honorary status.

**Miscellaneous.** By submitting this application to the City of Bessemer, each applicant understands and agrees, as follows:

- (a) That submission of the application, approval of the application and the erection of the honorary sign, if granted, shall be governed by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Ordinance Governing the Naming of Honorary Streets in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, (the "Honorary Sign Ordinance"), as the same may from time to time be amended and as otherwise provided by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama.
- (b) In order for the City of Bessemer to process this application, the application fee as set by the City Council of the City of Bessemer must be paid, in advance. The application fee takes into consideration the staff time required to research and verify the matters contained in the application; and producing and installing the honorary sign.
- (c) To approval of the honorary sign shall be in the sole discretion of the City Council, with recommendations from the Mayor and administrative services as provided by the Honorary Sign Ordinance.
- (d) Location of the honorary sign, the materials used in making the honorary sign and the verbiage of the sign shall be in the sole discretion of the City of Bessemer as provided in the Honorary Sign Ordinance.
- (e) The City of Bessemer may, at any time and within its sole discretion, remove any honorary sign when it deems to be in its best interest so to do.
- (f) The City of Bessemer may, at its discretion, request the applicant to provide supplemental information to assist it in the consideration and approval of the application.

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Signature of Applicant

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sec. 94-15. - [Honorary street sign program.]

- (a) *[Creation.]* There is hereby created the "Honorary Street Sign Program in the City of Bessemer, Alabama," under the terms and conditions set forth herein below.
- (b) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings:
- (1) *Significant person* shall mean a person, whether now living or deceased, who has made a substantial and well documented positive contribution affecting the lives of people residing in the City of Bessemer.
  - (2) *Significant place or community marker* shall mean a place, an edifice, historic event or thing of similar import which has made a substantial and well documented positive contribution affecting the lives of people residing in the City of Bessemer.
  - (3) *Well documented* shall mean that the contributions made the basis of the request for an honorary street sign which have been reduced to writing and/or evidenced by acceptable written documentation and other wise capable of being verified from reliable sources and accounts.
- (c) *Application process.* A person desiring to have a street named in honor of a person, place or community marker shall file an application with the city clerk of the City of Bessemer in a form prescribed by the mayor. Such application shall contain, but may not be limited to:
- (1) The name, address and telephone numbers of the applicant(s);
  - (2) The name of the person, place or community marker to be recognized on an honorary sign;
  - (3) A detailed written history or biographical of the significant person, significant place or community marker;
  - (4) A detailed writing of the contributions clearly demonstrating and well documenting the service to or place in the community deserving of honorary recognition; and
  - (5) A copy of each document relied upon by the applicant(s) which shows the contribution or points of historical significance to the community deserving of honorary status.
- (d) *Application fee.* In order to defray the cost of processing the application, including staff time required to research and verify the matters contained in the application; and producing and installing honorary signs, there is hereby assessed a nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$150.00.
- (e) *Approval of honorary sign.* The city council, with recommendations from the mayor and sign committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the request for an honorary sign is meritorious and deserving.

- (f) *Description of honorary sign.* The honorary sign shall have a white reflective background, trimmed in blue with blue lettering and shall measure 30 inches in width and 18 inches in height. Each honorary sign shall have the words "Honorary Sign" across the top of the sign in a similar style. The signage shall use a minimum of .030 aluminum backing and be mounted using galvanized poles. This panel style should correspond with the regulations for memorial signage as provided in MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices). The mayor shall approve the final description and may amend the style as needed to accommodate the honorary name provided.
- (g) *Location of honorary sign.* The location of the honorary signs shall be determined by the mayor.
- (h) *Removal of sign.* The City Council of the City of Bessemer may, at any time and within its sole discretion, remove any honorary sign when it deems to be in its best interest so to do.

*(Ord. No. 3512, 1-21-2014)*

**Editor's note—**

Ord. No. 3512, adopted Jan. 21, 2014, did not specify manner of inclusion; hence codification as § 95-15 was at the discretion of the editor.