



# Office of the City Clerk

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## Legislation Text

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City Council  
September 21, 2022  
Honorary Street Sign

### ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

SECTION 1: Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street signs, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take necessary action for standardization of West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street from South Wallace Street to South Parnell Avenue as "Joe Harris Way".

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

' Nicole T. Lee Alderman,  
11th Ward

Date:

Office of Budget and Management 121 N. LaSalle,  
Room 604 Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Nicole T. Lee, Alderman of the 11th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street from my:

11th Ward's annual menu program budget

- Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

6/1/2017

### **Joseph "Joe Harris" Hawrysz Biography**

Joseph Hawrysz, known to many as Joe Harris, was born on July 18, 1934 in Bridgeport. He and his wife, Georgiann, continue to reside in the same neighborhood, not far from where he grew up. Hawrysz started using the surname Harris in the 1950's when he played basketball for Loyola University because, according to him, it was easier to pronounce and fit better on the back of his jersey. In 1955, he married Georgiann and together they raised their five children in Bridgeport. In 1961, Hawrysz bought the hardware store located at 3301 S Wallace Ave. For 60 years he owned and operated Joe Harris Hardware. Patrons of his store appreciated the personal touch, project expertise, and friendship that differentiated Joe Harris Hardware from the big box stores that were located nearby. After handing over the store manager responsibilities to his nephew and slowly shortening his hours, Hawrysz decided it was time to retire and closed shop for one last time on

August 31, 2022.