

NC-10-007  
Street Name Change  
(East 48 ½ Street to Gene Johnson Street)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEING ALL OF THAT PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, KNOWN AS EAST 48 ½ STREET OF WHICH SAID PORTION OF SAID STREET IS SHOWN ON AND DEDICATED BY HARMON TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOUND OF RECORD IN BOOK 4, PAGE 115 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY BEING THE NORTH FIVE (5.00') FEET OF LOTS 22 AND 23 AND THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF LOTS 20 AND 21 OF SAID HARMON ADDITION CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN BY STREET DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 3506, PAGE 747 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS. SAID EAST 48 ½ STREET IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AIRPORT BOULEVARD BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HARMON AVENUE. ALL OF SAID EAST 48 ½ STREET IS TO BE CHANGED TO GENE JOHNSON STREET AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED SKETCH.

DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY: Mary P. Hawkins APPROVED:  
01/19/2011



Mary P. Hawkins, R.P.L.S. No. 4433  
Department of Public Works  
Engineering Services Division

REFERENCES  
Austin Grid K-25  
TCAD Map 02-2011

CITY OF AUSTIN  
CTM/GIS SERVICES  
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505 BARTON SPRINGS RD SUITE 1070  
AUSTIN, TX 78704  
OFFICE: 974-3247 FAX: 974-3337

Date: February 1, 2011

Request # NC-10-007

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT OF PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE**

(Please review and return within 8 working days)

Requestor: Pamela Cirkiel

Reason for Request: To Honor a Person

Existing Street Name: E 48<sup>th</sup> Half Street

Address Range: 900—929

Proposed Street Name: Gene Johnson St

Limits of Proposed Street Name Change:

FROM: Airport Blvd, eastwards 757 feet

TO: Harmon Ave

Processing Fee: \$415.00

Street Sign Fee Estimate: \$750.00

COMMENTS:

Number of Property Owners Affected: 7

Number of Property Owners Notified: 7

**Agency: Austin Police Department**

- ☒ I concur with this street name change  
☐ I do not concur with this street name change

**COMMENTS:**

APD – Business Systems Analyst,  
Sr.  
Robert Uribe

Signature

Date

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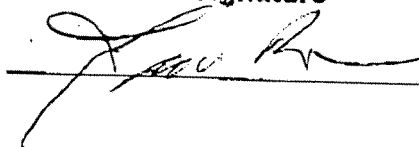
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**EMS DIVISION CHIEF**

Jasper Brown

**Signature**

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**Chief of Communications, AFD**

Chris Swenson

**Signature****Date**

2-2-11



# M.E. "Gene" Johnson Realtors, Inc.

1901 E. Palm Valley  
Round Rock, Texas 78664  
(512) 244-6655 244-4355(FAX)  
1-800-460-6563

MLS



February 11, 2011

Re: Gene Johnson Street

To whom it may concern;

This is to serve as formal authorization from the entire Johnson Family for the City of Austin to change the name of East 48 ½ Street between Airport Blvd. and Harmon Avenue to Gene Johnson Street.

M. E. "Gene" Johnson was a man of great integrity and honor. He started serving the Austin community with his service station and garage in 1946 when Airport Blvd. was only a two lane road. With his wife Barbara he went on to open an auto parts business and a U Haul business. Not only was he successful in his own businesses, but he was also instrumental in the success of the neighborhood and the youth of the community.

It would be an honor for our family to see the City of Austin commemorate this community icon with this street name change. He developed and sustained the businesses on these corners, the youth in the community and serviced the needs of the families that lived nearby. M. E. "Gene" Johnson had a slogan of "Service with a Smile" and that truly embodied the spirit of this being the backbone of his commitment to his community.

We want to thank you in advance for your consideration of this humble request.

Best regards,

Pamela Johnson Cirkel



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## M. E. “Gene” Johnson: January 3, 1923 – January 3, 2009

M. E. “Gene” Johnson began a long career of service to his neighbors and the citizens of Austin in 1946 after having served his country in the Navy during World War II. He opened a Gulf service station and garage when Airport Boulevard was just a two lane road. From humble, hard working beginnings, his businesses became a center of support that made him a community icon.

M. E. “Gene” Johnson and his wife Barbara started their family on East 48<sup>th</sup> Street in a little house behind the station. This was the first of several homes they bought in the neighborhood that provided shelter and hope for Austin families. He offered such reasonable rental rates his tenants share stories of being able to save money to buy their dream homes through M. E. “Gene” Johnson Realtors.

Over the years, Gene expanded the station to include an auto parts store and a U-Haul dealership. These highly successful endeavors provided jobs where Austin’s youth learned values and skills that lasted a lifetime. Despite hard economic times, jobs were always available to earn extra money for school or to help keep families fed.

The Delwood Northeast Optimist Club started in 1956 and, from the beginning, M. E. “Gene” Johnson sponsored little league teams. He made sure the boys who needed them had gloves and shoes. Everyone on his team was treated to a hot dog after every game. The coaches were told that each child had to play and always play with a good attitude.

With a positive attitude in life he always treated everyone equally, even at a time in Austin when others did not believe in that philosophy. He was awarded “Business Person of the Year” by the Future Business Leaders of America. He was given awards by the Texas Independent Automotive Association and recognized as top U-Haul dealership. In 1996 Mr. Johnson was recognized and honored by the Senate of the State of Texas for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of successful entrepreneurship in the City of Austin and again in 2010 when the State Texas House of Representatives paid tribute to his life: “...held in great esteem...for the friendly, honest, and reliable manner in which he conducted his businesses...”

Right up until his death on his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 3, 2009, he was a man who brought a strong tradition of customer service, fairness and great integrity to his businesses and to his life. He was a good neighbor and had a name you could trust. He served his country, served his family and served his community with honor, commitment and hard work.

Pamela Johnson Cirkiel

Sarah Cirkiel

Lee Kinser