

ARTICLE VI. - NAMING OR RENAMING A CITY OWNED PROPERTY OR FACILITY OR RENAMING A PUBLIC STREET

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 78-140. - Intent and purpose.

The intent and purpose of this article is to establish a uniform process for naming or renaming a city owned property or facility or renaming a public street.

(Ord. No. 3522, § 2, 9-8-2009)

Sec. 78-141. - Approval of naming or renaming.

- (a) *Authority.* City council shall name or rename a city owned property or facility or rename a public street by adoption of a resolution.
- (b) *Naming.* City council shall adopt a resolution, at a regular or special council meeting, to designate the name of a city owned property or facility. The resolution to name a city owned property or facility does not require a public hearing.
- (c) *Renaming.* Before adopting a resolution to rename a city owned property or facility or rename a public street, the city clerk shall place a display advertisement giving notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city at least 30 days prior to the public hearing to be held by city council.
- (d) *Posting property.* The city shall post a sign giving notice of the public hearing to rename a city owned property or facility for a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing date. If the sign is destroyed or becomes unreadable it shall not invalidate the public notice requirements set forth herein. The cost of the sign and advertisement shall be borne by the person or entity initiating the request to rename a city owned property or facility.
- (e) *No property rights.* No property right is conferred upon any entity, individual, group, or group of individuals or entities as a result of naming or renaming any city owned property or facility or renaming a public street.

(Ord. No. 3522, § 2, 9-8-2009)

Secs. 78-142—78-144. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - NAMING OR RENAMING CITY OWNED PROPERTY OR FACILITY

Sec. 78-145. - Naming or renaming—Citizen initiated.

- (a) *Application.* An application for naming or renaming a city owned property or facility shall be submitted to the community development director on a form provided by the city. The application to name or rename a city owned property or facility shall include the following:
 - (1) Biographical information about the person for whom the city owned property or facility is proposed to be named or renamed.

- (2) A written cost estimate of the following:
 - i. Signs or plaques bearing the proposed name of the city owned property or facility.
 - ii. Advertisement in the newspaper and sign for posting giving notice of the public hearing.
 - iii. Updating brochures, pamphlets, and any other city printed material referencing the city owned facility or property.
- (3) An explanation, with documentation, as to how the proposed name satisfies the naming or renaming criteria as follows.
 - i. Historical, biographical, geographical, or cultural significance of the property or facility.
 - ii. If the proposed name is that of a well known individual, family or group who has made substantial contributions to the community either through civic involvement or monetary donations, a written narrative of such contributions including a description of the involvement by the person in the community and that person's significant connection to the city owned property or facility.
- (4) Letters from appropriate professional organizations or individuals, which provide evidence of substantial local support for the naming or renaming of a city owned property or facility.
- (5) City council shall consider the information provided by the city manager prior to deciding the appropriateness of the proposed naming or renaming of a city owned property or facility. City council shall name or rename the property or facility by resolution as provided in section 78-141.

(Ord. No. 3522, § 2, 9-8-2009)

Sec. 78-146. - Naming or renaming—City initiated.

- (a) *Request.* Upon initiation by city council to name or rename a city owned property or facility, the city manager shall provide information as follows:
 - (1) Biographical information about the person for whom the city owned property or facility is proposed to be named or renamed.
 - (2) A written cost estimate of the following:
 - i. Signs or plaques bearing the proposed name of the city owned property or facility.
 - ii. Advertisement in the newspaper and sign for posting giving notice of the public hearing.
 - iii. Updating brochures, pamphlets, and any other city printed material referencing the city owned property or facility.
 - (3) An explanation, with documentation, as to how the proposed name satisfies the naming or renaming criteria as follows.
 - i. Historical, biographical, geographical, or cultural significance of the property or facility.
 - ii. If the proposed name is that of a well known individual, family or group who has made substantial contributions to the community either through civic involvement or monetary donations, a written narrative of such contributions including a description of the involvement by the person in the community and that person's significant connection to the city owned property or facility.
 - (4) City council shall consider the information provided by the city manager prior to deciding the appropriateness of the proposed naming or renaming of a city owned property or facility. City council shall name or rename the property or facility by resolution as provided in section 78-141.

(Ord. No. 3522, § 2, 9-8-2009)

Secs. 78-147—78-149. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - RENAMING A PUBLIC STREET

Sec. 78-150. - Renaming—Citizen initiated.

- (a) *Application.* An application for renaming a public street shall be submitted to the community development director on a form provided by the city and shall include the following:
 - (1) A list of all abutting property owners and lessees including names, addresses and strap numbers, as applicable, from the Lee County Property Appraisers office.
 - (2) A written petition with printed names and signatures, telephone numbers and addresses containing 80 percent of the abutting property owners consenting to the street name change.
 - (3) A written narrative of the historical significance and origin of the existing street name.
 - (4) Written verification from Lee County 911 that the proposed street name is not a duplicate of an existing street name.
 - (5) Any letters of support from appropriate professional organizations or individuals, which provide evidence of substantial local support for renaming a public street.
- (b) *Costs.* The petitioner shall be responsible for paying the cost associated with, including but not limited to, providing and installing new street signs, postage for notifying all property owners abutting the street to be renamed of the public hearing, and advertising costs giving notice of a public hearing by city council.
- (c) *Criteria.*
 - (1) The proposed street name shall not be duplicated anywhere in Lee County.
 - (2) A public street may only be renamed after a person if such person has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant, positive contribution to the local community.
 - (3) All street name changes shall be for the entire length of the street where the street is continuous.
 - (4) Historical significance and origin of existing street name.
 - (5) City council shall consider the information provided by the city manager prior to deciding the appropriateness of the proposed renaming of a street. City council shall rename the street by resolution as provided in section 78-141.

(Ord. No. 3522, § 2, 9-8-2009)

Sec. 78-151. - Renaming—City initiated.

- (a) *Request.* Upon initiation by city council to rename a public street, the city manager shall provide information as follows:
 - (1) A list of all abutting property owners and lessees including names, addresses and strap numbers, as applicable, from the Lee County Property Appraisers office.
 - (2) A written narrative of the historical significance and origin of the existing street name.
 - (3) Written verification from Lee County 911 that the proposed street name is not a duplicate of an existing street name.
- (b) *Criteria.*

- (1) The proposed street name shall not be duplicated anywhere in Lee County.
- (2) A public street may only be renamed after a person if such person has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant, positive contribution to the local community.
- (3) All street name changes shall be for the entire length of the street where the street is continuous.
- (4) Historical significance and origin of existing street name.
- (5) City council shall consider the information provided by the city manager prior to deciding the appropriateness of the proposed renaming of a street. City council shall rename the street by resolution as provided in section 78-141.

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Secs. 78-152—78-159. - Reserved.

DIVISION 4. - REVIEW OF NAMING OR RENAMING—CITIZEN INITIATED

Sec. 78-160. - Review of application.

- (a) The community development director shall review every naming or renaming application initiated by a citizen or request by city council as provided in this article for the criteria on the appropriateness and impact upon the surrounding community and the city and prepare a report containing, as applicable, the following:
 - (1) The application and accompanying documentation.
 - (2) A plat map and current aerial photo showing the city owned property or facility to be named or renamed or public street to be renamed and all adjacent properties.
 - (3) The number of signs or plaques required to implement the naming or renaming of a city owned property or facility, and the fiscal impact of implementing the request.
 - (4) The number of addresses affected by the request to rename a public street, the number of signs required to implement the renaming, and the fiscal impact of implementing the request.
 - (5) Letters from appropriate professional organizations or individuals, which provide evidence of substantial local support for the renaming of a city owned property or facility or renaming a public street.
- (b) A written report shall be provided to the city manager for recommendation to city council.

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