

ARTICLE IV. STREET NAME CHANGES¹

Sec. 25-116. Purposes.

The purpose of this article is to establish uniform criteria and procedures, applicable to the city and all persons, groups, firms, and agencies, for the permanent change of a city street name.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-117. Penalty.

Unless stated otherwise, violations of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1-8.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-118. Statement of reasons.

Applications for a street name change may be considered for any one (1) of the following reasons, which must be specified in the application:

- (1) To establish continuity of the street's name;
- (2) To eliminate name spelling duplication, phonetic duplication, or misspelling;
- (3) To bring coherence to the street numbering designation (east, west, north, south);
- (4) To provide necessary roadway designation (street, road, lane, circle, drive, boulevard, and similar designations);
- (5) To honor a person, place, institution, group, entity, event or similar subject;
- (6) To enhance a neighborhood through association of the street name with its location, area characteristics, history and similar factors.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-119. Application by petition.

- (a) An application for a change of the name of a street may be filed by any person, group, firm or agency with the department of planning and economic development in the form of a petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) percent of all owners, or owner's attorney-in-fact of property abutting the subject street. "Owners" of such abutting property shall be determined by the then current city real property ad valorem tax roll.

¹Editor's note(s)—Ordinance No. 95-21, § I, adopted March 14, 1995, amended Art. IV to read as set out herein. Prior to such amendment, Art. IV consisted of §§ 25-116-25-121, which contained similar provisions and derived from Ch. 11, Art. 6, §§ 1-5 of the 1963 Code.

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- (b) The application shall state the present official name of the city street, the proposed new name, and the name and address of each person, group, agency or entity requesting the street name change; a statement of reason or reasons from among those listed above, claimed for such a name change; and the person, group, agency or entity responsible for payment of the city's costs for installing standard city street name signs.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-120. City-initiated changes.

In all instances where it is the city's recommendation that a street name be changed, the department head shall file a request for a change of the name of a street with the department of planning and economic development. The written request shall state the present official name of the city street, the proposed new name, and a statement of reason or reasons from among those listed above, claimed for such a name change.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-121. Processing.

- (a) Upon receipt of an application by petition, the department of planning and economic development shall confirm that the petition meets the requirements of section 25-119 above and the city-initiated request meets the requirements of section 25-120 above.
- (b) Upon confirming that the petition or city-initiated request meets the requirements of this article, the department of planning and economic development shall forward such to the department of public works to determine the costs associated with installation of new city street name signs. The department of planning and economic development shall, no earlier than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the proposed public hearing, mail written notice of the public hearing to property owners abutting the street in which the street name is proposed to be changed and publish notice of the date and time of the public hearing in the local newspaper.
- (c) A public hearing shall be held by the city council prior to disposing of the petition or city-initiated request.
- (d) In all cases where the application by petition has been approved by the city council, such approval is contingent on the city's receipt of payment for the costs associated with the installation of new city street name signs by the person, group, agency or entity designated on the application as responsible for such payment.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Sec. 25-122. Post-council procedure.

- (a) All city council approved street name changes shall be forwarded to the department of public works for implementation upon receipt of payment for the costs associated with installation of the new city street name signs.
- (b) The city secretary shall provide a copy of each street name change ordinance, as recorded in official minutes of the city council, to the local utility companies, U.S. Postal Service, and county voter registrar's office.

(Ord. No. 95-21, § I, 3-14-95)

Secs. 25-123—25-140. Reserved.