

## **Agenda Item: Public Hearing on Motion 2016-2, UDO Text Amendment for Street Naming Requirements**

**DATE:** August 2, 2016  
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### **Background/Issue:**

With the addition of new streets and realignment of other streets, staff reviewed the current Street Naming requirements in the UDO in order to address any forthcoming issues.

- The original street naming text was adopted in 1975. Minor changes were made in 1998 and is currently in place.
- The current code revisions are being proposed because of the realignment of the street off of Chaphyn Lane exiting the Courtney II neighborhood needing to be named in order to be accepted into the Town's system.
- The UDO currently does not allow for duplication of street names.
- The code's goal for naming streets is to eliminate possible confusion between street names during an emergency.
- Planning staff has researched other municipalities within the County for their street naming requirements. All have responded that they use Mecklenburg County's guidelines.
- Mecklenburg County street naming guidelines are incorporated into the proposed text change.
- Matthews Police, Public Works, and Fire & EMS Departments have reviewed the proposed text and are comfortable with the language change.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

- The street naming text change will align Matthews regulations more closely with Mecklenburg County.

### **Financial Impact:**

None

### **Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:**

Quality of Life  
Transportation

### **Recommended Motion/Action:**

Hold public hearing, receive any comments that may be offered, and discuss any further refinements Council would like to include or text changes Council wishes to delete. Then forward to Planning Board for discussion, input and recommendation.

**Motion #2016-2**  
**UDO Text Changes**

**Existing Text:**

155.405.4.P General Subdivision Criteria

STREET NAMES. Proposed street names shall not duplicate nor too closely approximate phonetically the name of any street within the Town or county. Where proposed streets are extensions of existing streets, the existing names should be used, except where a new name can reasonably be used to facilitate the proper street address numbering or to avoid further street name duplication. Words shall not be used as part of street names if used in two other locations within the county.

**Proposed Revision:**

155.405.4.P General Subdivision Criteria

STREET NAMES: All proposed street names must be reviewed by Matthews Planning Department, Public Works, Police Department, and Fire & EMS Department before being submitted to Mecklenburg County for final approval. A proper street name shall include one (1) to three (3) words as the main name and a street type suffix. A proper street name may include a directional prefix, and/or "extension" following the street type suffix. Proposed street names shall adhere to the following guidelines: do not duplicate nor too closely approximate phonetically the name of any street within the Town or county; do not use business names; do not include punctuation; do not use possibly offensive names; and do not include directional suffixes. Where proposed streets are extensions of existing streets, or align with an existing street, the existing names should be used, except where a new name can reasonably be used to facilitate the proper street address numbering or to avoid further street name duplication. Words shall not be used as the first word part of a street names if it used in two other locations within the county. The only exception allowed is use of a generic label naming a topographic feature or a color, which can be part of multiple street names.