

Agenda Item: Text Amendment

DATE: July 5, 2016

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Background/Issue:

- 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 codes goal for naming streets is to eliminate possible confusion between street names during an emergency.
- Planning staff has researched the 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.

Proposal/Solution:

- Hold Public Hearing.
- Send to Planning Board for discussion, input and recommendation.

Financial Impact:

None

Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:

Transportation

Recommended Motion/Action:

Call for Public Hearing on August 8, 2016.

MOTION # 2016-2

MOTION TO CHANGE: x TEXT
 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
(IF A CHANGE IN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, LIST PARCEL(S) AFFECTED)

PUBLIC HEARING DATE 8-8-16

PROPOSED ACTION

Text Amendment:

- 1) Revise standards for Street Names at § 155.405.4.P

AFFECTED AND/OR ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS NOTIFIED NA

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDE Proposed new text at § 155.405.4.P

OTHER COMMENTS:

The original Street Names text was approved in 1975. In 1998 the text was change to add the following sentence: "Words shall not be used as part of street names if used in two other locations within the county" and "or county" in the sentence regarding duplicate names.

Public Area & Facility Naming/Renaming policy was adopted by the Board 2010.

The 6 other municipalities in Mecklenburg County rely on Mecklenburg County Addressing to validate any street naming request.

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.