



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2009

Date Prepared: August 18, 2009

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Title: Amend Municipal Code Section 12.24 – Street Naming and Numbering

Recommended Motion: That Council: 1) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only; and, 2) adopt Ordinance No. 709 to amend Municipal Code Title 12, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Chapter 12.24 – Street Naming and Numbering, adding Section 12.24.150.

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: On August 11, 2009, Council conducted a public hearing and held the first reading of an ordinance to amend Municipal Code Title 12, “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places.” The ordinance adds Section 12.24.150 “Road Naming Standards” to the Municipal Code, establishing criterion for the naming of streets within Grass Valley city limits. Similar standards have already been adopted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, and the creation of common road naming standards ensures that all jurisdictions within the County follow the same guidelines and coordinate with one another to avoid contrary or duplicate names.

The new ordinance does not affect the actual process for selecting road names as the Public or Private Street Naming Policy, adopted by Council on December 13, 2005, provides that the Historical Commission maintain a list of acceptable street names for the naming of new streets. If the ordinance amendment is approved, any street names included on the Public or Private Street Name List would be required to comply with the Road Naming Standards.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by:

___ City Administrator

___ Planning Department

Action:

___ Approved

___ Approved with Modifications

___ Denied

___ Other

ORDINANCE NO. 709

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GRASS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING
CHAPTER 12.24 OF THE GRASS VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 12.24.150 of Chapter 12.24 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code is
added to read as follows:

12.24.150 Road Naming Standards.

- A. Road names should be no longer than fourteen letters (exclusive of street, avenue, road, etc.) and more than one word should be avoided.
- B. Road names shall have simple spelling and easy pronunciation.
- C. Numbers or letters used as road names are to be avoided.
- D. Inappropriate or offensive names will not be permitted.
- E. Road names identical, or sounding similar (like "Karry" and "Carrie"), to others within the County will not be permitted.
- F. Road names will be deemed duplicates even if they have a different suffix such as boulevard, lane, avenue, street, etc.
- G. Road names which would be geographically misleading in regards to physical location, place or landmark are to be avoided (i.e. Lakefront Drive should be located along a lake front).
- H. A road having a continuous alignment shall bear the same name.
- I. Road extensions shall bear the same name as the existing road.
- J. Roads intersecting each other or forming an angle of less than 110 degrees shall generally have different names.
- K. Dead end roads or cul-de-sacs that are less than 800 feet shall be known as "Courts" or "Places".
- L. All roads which come off a named road and re-access onto that named road shall be known as "Loops" or "Circles".
- M. Prefixes such as north and south, east and west, upper and lower, etc., should be avoided.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other section or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. INTRODUCED and first read at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 11th day of August, 2009.

FINAL PASSAGE AND ADOPTION by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley was at a meeting thereof held on the 25th day of August, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Lisa Swarthout, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi K. Bashor, City Clerk

APPROVAL AS TO FORM:

Ruthann G. Ziegler, City Attorney