

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A STREET NAMING POLICY.

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to coordinate the designation of street names and addresses in order to avoid motorist confusion, facilitate emergency services, and help ensure prompt delivery of goods and services.

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Abilene prohibit unnecessary duplication of street names by requiring continuation of existing street names for certain types of street extensions.

WHEREAS, at times it is appropriate to honor persons, places, or events by use of an honorary street name designation.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Abilene that the City should prescribe additional guidelines for platting and naming of streets and in the designation of honorary street names, not in limitation but in partial expansion of subdivision regulation; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the guidelines indicated on the attached "Attachment B" shall hereby be employed in the platting and naming of streets and in the designation of honorary street names.

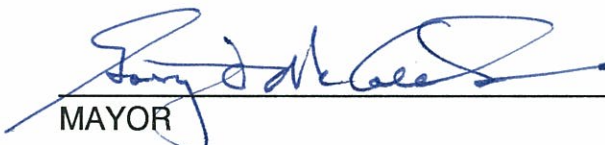
PART 2: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED THIS 23 day of January, A.D. 1992.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY



MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY

ATTACHMENT "B"

Honorary Street Name Designation Policy

Purpose:

Because of their significance in the lives of the citizens of Abilene, it is appropriate to honor certain persons, places, and events. One highly visible and lasting means of conveying such honor is by naming a street for the person, place, or event. To minimize the adverse impact for residents and businesses on the street, an honorary street name designation should be used instead of a formal name change. This will allow the existing street name to remain as the official name. The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria and procedure to be utilized for designating an honorary street name.

Criteria:

1. Each name proposed for an honorary designation shall be one which has had a significant impact in such areas as government, education, or medicine. The name shall also be one which represents contributions at the local, state, or national level. The application for the Honorary Street Name designation should specifically enumerate the accomplishments and significance of the proposed name.
2. There must be present a significant, broad-based community support of the proposed honorary designation. It is the responsibility of the sponsor(s) of the request to prove this support by means of letters of support and/or petitions.
3. At the time of application, the sponsor(s) must submit a petition indicating that at least 51% of the owners of all lots abutting the street favor the honorary street name designation.
4. The associated costs of a Honorary street Name Change or Designation are the responsibility of the sponsor(s).
5. Streets to be considered for an honorary designation should be numbered streets (i.e., North 3rd, South 10th) and should have a natural break at either end.
6. Honorary designation should be limited to individuals who are deceased, historic sites or occurrences.
7. Honorary street Name Designations shall comply with the Street Naming Policy (Resolution No. 85-1983) in order to avoid motorist confusion, facilitate emergency services, and to help ensure prompt delivery of goods and services.

Procedure:

1. Application, petition, and fee is submitted to Current Planning staff no less than 21 days prior to the date of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at which the request is to be heard. Prior to the application deadline date, the proponent should consult with staff so that the fee may be determined. At that time the proponent may choose to request signs at all intersections or at major intersections only. The Planning Department will provide the applicant with an itemized break-down of the associated costs of the request. If the request is not approved, the fee will be refunded, less the administrative portion of the fee.
2. All requests and other subdivision-related proposals are submitted to Plat Review Committee members 2-3 days following application submittal.
3. Notice of the Plat Review Committee meeting is posted 4-5 days prior to the meeting. The notice contains the agenda, which itself contains honorary street name designation requests.
4. Notice of the request is published in the newspaper 15 days prior to the date of City Council final action on the resolution approving the honorary street name designation.
5. The Plat Review Committee reviews the request and makes a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. The Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public hearing on the request. If denied and not appealed within ten (10) days, the issue cannot be submitted for at least one year. If approved or denied and appealed, the request goes to City Council in the form of a resolution at the next scheduled City Council meeting which meets public notice requirements.
7. The City Council considers the resolution with one reading in a public hearing.