



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 17, 2018
CONSENT #12

TO: Mayor and City Council
AGENDA ITEM: Street Naming Policy
SUBMITTED BY: Emily Becker, Planning Director
REVIEWED BY: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

BACKGROUND:

The City amended its Street Naming Policy through the adoption of Ord. 08-144 on October 4, 2016. The policy allowed the names of streets within a subdivision to be named with names of the same theme if appropriate, which does not comply with the County Uniform Street Naming and Property Number System.

The Public Safety Committee reviewed the City's current street naming policy at its April 25, 2017; January 23, 2018; and March 27, 2018 meetings and adopted a motion at its March meeting to "delete Section (c) "If appropriate, names with the same theme (i.e., flowers, nature) are permitted for naming streets in an entire subdivision.""

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the aforementioned language from the City's Street Naming Policy be removed?

PROPOSAL:

The Public Safety Committee had previously requested of the Council at its workshop on March 13, 2018 that the Council consider an amendment to the Ordinance which would require the City to follow the County Uniform Street Naming and Property Number System. The Committee was specifically concerned with the Policy's requirement that unless a newly proposed street directly extends from, or is planned to extend from, an existing street, no street name that already exists in the city or its environs shall be used, regardless if it is on the same grid as another street. The committee felt that the proper solution was to ensure that when a street did not continue or was planned to continue that the street should be named the same and that proper spacing or a gap in the numbering would be sufficient for identification.

At its workshop, the Council was looking for clarification from the Committee to define and clarify "adequate spacing." The Committee again met at its March meeting, and changed their recommendation to simply remove the reference to allowing themed names within subdivisions. They also made the recommendation that Council should always make road connectivity within new development a priority.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Adopt Ord.08-208 amending the City's Street Naming Policy
- 2) Do not adopt Ord. 08- 208
- 3) Amend and then adopt Ord. 08-208 as amended

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council, as part of tonight's consent agenda, adopt Ord. 08-208 amending the City's street naming policy. If removed from the Consent agenda, the recommended action can be made through the following motion:

“Motion to adopt Ord. 08-208 amending the City's street naming policy.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ord. 08-208

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 08-208

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE ELMO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO STREET NAMING**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title XV: Land Usage; Chapter 153: Subdivision Regulations; Section 07: Preliminary Plat; Subd. (E) (1) to read the following:

- (1) Layout of proposed streets showing right-of-way widths, center line grade, typical cross-sections, and proposed names of streets in conformance with all applicable city ordinances and policies. The names and number shall comply with the County Uniform Street Naming and Property Numbering System, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Unless a newly proposed street directly extends from, or is planned to extend from, an existing street, no street name that already exists in the city or its environs shall be used, regardless if it is on the same grid as another street.
 - i. North-south avenues shall follow the grid system, increasing alphabetically from east to west, but must use different names.
 - ii. East-west streets shall follow the grid numbering system as appropriate, but a different suffix such as Lane, Place, Way, etc. or a different prefix such as Upper or Lower shall be used.
 - b. The names of deflecting streets shall not vary; names of continual streets shall not change, even if the street changes direction, unless an intersection exists.
 - i. The names of deflecting streets shall be determined according to their relation to an Arterial or Collector Street if appropriate, otherwise such names shall be determined according to their main point of entry in to a development or as deemed appropriate by Council.
 - ~~c. If appropriate, names with the same theme (i.e. flowers, nature) are permitted for naming streets in an entire subdivision.~~
 - d. c. All street names shall end with the directional suffix of North.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Lake Elmo.

SECTION 3. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-208 was adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2018, by a vote of ___ Ayes and ___ Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08- was published on the ____ day of _____, 2018.