

Article 5: Subdivision Procedures

Division 11: Naming or Renaming of Public Streets and Other Rights-of-Way
*(“Naming or Renaming of Public Streets and Other Rights-of-Way”
added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.)*

§125.1101 Purpose of the Procedures to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way

The purpose of this Division is to establish procedures for the careful selection of names for public *streets* and other rights-of-way to protect the public health, safety and welfare in consideration of the multi-agency computer aided dispatch service for police, fire, and paramedic vehicles and the policies and procedures of the United States Postal Service. It is the intent that the City avoid duplication and confusing similarity between public *streets* and other rights-of-way within the City, and with other cities and unincorporated areas in the County of San Diego.
(“Purpose of the Procedures to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1105 Approval Required to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way

Approval from the City Engineer is required for any request to name or rename public *streets* and other rights-of-way, which for this section includes private *streets*, private driveways, non-dedicated roads on City property, and *alleys*. The City Engineer may designate a street name coordinator to reserve and approve *street* names.
(“Approval Required to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1110 How to Apply for Approval to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way

- (a) An application to assign a name to a public *street* or other right-of-way shall be submitted in accordance with section 112.0102 and the Land Development Manual.
- (b) *Applicants* requesting to change the name of an existing public *street* or other right-of-way shall:
 - (1) Submit an application in accordance with section 112.0102 and the Land Development Manual; and
 - (2) Submit documentation to the satisfaction of the City Engineer that a petition for the proposed name change was circulated to all property owners and tenants with either abutting property or property with an address on the affected segment of an existing public *street* or other right-of-way. The *applicant* shall demonstrate upon application that the circulated petition contains signatures indicating at least 25 percent support from affected property owners and tenants.

(“How to Apply for Approval to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1115 General Regulations

To protect the public health, safety, and welfare, names for public *streets* and other rights-of-way must comply with the *street* naming standards in the Land Development Manual.

(“General Regulations” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1120 Decision Process for Applications to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way

- (a) A decision on a request to name a new public *street* or other right-of-way shall be made by the City Engineer in accordance with Process One, except that a decision of the City Council shall be required for:
 - (1) Any request to name a public *street* or other right-of-way after an individual using the first and last name of that individual; and
 - (2) Any request by an *applicant* for a public *street* or other right-of-way name that, in the opinion of the City Engineer, does not comply with the *street* naming standards in the Land Development Manual.
- (b) A request to change the name of an existing public *street* or other right-of-way shall be made in accordance with the following:
 - (1) The decision on a request for a proposed name change that is supported by a petition containing signatures indicating 100 percent support from all affected property owners and tenants described in section 125.1110(b)(2) shall be made by the City Engineer in accordance with Process One.
 - (2) Where the circulated petition contains signatures indicating less than 100 percent support from all affected property owners and tenants described in section 125.1110(b)(2), the decision shall be made by the City Council. The request shall be processed in accordance with Process Five, except that a Planning Commission recommendation hearing shall not be required prior to a City Council decision.
- (c) Where a decision is required by the City Council in accordance with section 125.1120(a) or (b), the Council shall deny any request for a name that would adversely affect the multi-agency computer aided dispatch service for police, fire, and paramedic vehicles or the policies and procedures of the United States Postal Service.

(“Decision Process for Applications to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1125 Effective Date of Decision to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way

- (a) Names for new public *streets* or other rights-of-way may be reserved through the approval of a *tentative map* and will be reserved for the life of the *tentative map*.
- (b) Names for public *streets* or other rights-of-way may also be reserved for up to three years by submitting an application to the City Engineer in accordance with section 125.1110.
- (c) Names reserved for public *streets* or other rights-of-way shall become effective upon recordation of the associated map, drawing or deed.

(“Effective Date of Decision to Name or Rename Public Streets or Other Rights-of-Way” added 1-23-2013 by O-20235 N.S.; effective 2-22-2013.)

§125.1130 Honorary Street Names

- (a) The City Council may name sections of *streets* not exceeding one block in length in honor and recognition of individuals or organizations that are of particular importance to the City of San Diego or have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in the City. The honorary naming of *streets* under this section is separate and distinct from the process for naming or renaming *streets* provided by this Division and shall not replace, supersede, or otherwise affect existing names of *streets*.
- (b) The criteria and procedure for selecting those individuals and organizations for recognition with honorary *street* names and the design standards for the accompanying *signs* shall be provided by Council Policy.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 12, *signs* for honorary *street* names may be placed in *streets*. *Signs* for honorary *street* names shall be clearly distinguishable from official *street* name *signs* by color, use of the word “honorary” in the legend, or by other design aspects.

(“Honorary Street Names” added 1-18-2017 by O-20783 N.S.; effective 2-17-2017.)