

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, GEORGIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE PERTAINING TO THE NAMING OF ROADS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that it is in the best interest of the public welfare of the City of Jackson, that the City's Code be amended to provide uniformity and guidance on the naming of roads within the City; therefore,

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON HEREBY ORDAINS THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, GEORGIA, SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- I. Chapter 50 of the Code of Jackson, Georgia shall be amended to add a new Article VII: Road Naming.

Chapter 50 – ARTICLE VII: ROAD NAMING

Sec. 50-236. - Title.

The ordinance from which this Article derives shall be known as the Road Name Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Georgia.

Sec. 50-237. - Purpose.

This ordinance is established to provide a system of unique road names which are essential for successfully improving the response time of fire, police, ambulance vehicles and other emergency services; expediting postal and general delivery services; and enhancing the ability to locate a business and/or residences based on their address. This chapter is adopted to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the City of Jackson, Georgia.

Sec. 50-238. - Applicability.

The provisions set forth herein shall apply to those roads, both public and private (including manufactured/mobile home parks, condominium developments, apartment complexes, malls, shopping plazas, strip buildings, businesses, business or office parks) and which are currently or will be located within the City of Jackson, Georgia.

Sec. 50-239. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined. Unless specifically defined, words or phrases used in this chapter shall be interpreted to have the meaning in common usage and to give this chapter the most reasonable application.

Apartment: means a unit within a building consisting of two units or more for rent.

Building means a structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for the shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals, or equipment and requiring a separate power meter to be installed for the building to have electrical service. This will also include mobile homes or manufactured homes. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "building" may also include other manmade structures meeting the same requirement as in the first sentence.

City Council means the City of Jackson, Georgia City Council.

Condominium means an ownership of a single unit within a structure that may include common areas and facilities.

Honorary road name means a secondary road name designated to an individual person or organization.

Mobile home means a moveable or transportable dwelling.

Mobile home park means any site or parcel of land under single ownership where land or units are rented, and community utility(ies) provide for the occupancy of mobile homes.

Official road name means the name as designated in the complete list of all roads in the City of Jackson, Georgia.

Private road means any road, which is not maintained by the Georgia Department of Transportation, Butts County and/or the City of Jackson, Georgia through the use of public funds.

Public road means any road which is maintained by Butts County, the City of Jackson and/or by Georgia Department of Transportation.

Road means a public or private one-way or two-way road for ingress and/or egress. Such roads may be of various types including frontage roads, rear access roads, roads with cul-de-sac and dead-end roads. This definition includes secondary roads, but does not include driveways. For purposes of this chapter, road and street shall have the same meaning.

Road sign means a metal blade and necessary hardware used to convey a road name, block range and, where applicable, the state road number.

Sec. 50-240. - Consideration of new or proposed road names.

The naming of roads shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council per the selection standards provided in this article.

Sec. 50-241. - Selection standards.

The following standards will be used in consideration of new or proposed road names. All current roads that would otherwise not meet these standards will be granted exceptions and maintain those names until changes, if considered, can be made to conform to this chapter.

- (1) Names of new roads or proposed changes must not duplicate, in wording, in sound or pronunciation, an existing road within the City of Jackson, Georgia regardless of distance between occurrences or in address ranges/block numbers.
- (2) Road names may not contain abbreviations of words, names or initials.
- (3) Names of individuals will only be permitted for honorary purposes unless the individual holds a state, national or local significance. Any honorary designation shall be subject to subsection 247 of this chapter.
- (4) Single alphabetical characters are prohibited.
- (5) Road names must be easy to pronounce and easily recognizable in emergency situations.
- (6) Special characters will not be permitted: periods, dashes, apostrophes, hyphens, etc.
- (7) Names that may be offensive (slang, words with double-meanings, etc.) will not be allowed.
- (8) Road names will be continuous throughout their entire length, when feasible.
- (9) Names which have homonyms (i.e., other words pronounced similarly but spelled differently) should not be used on any street and certainly not on multiple streets even if the street type is different (e.g., Steven Lane/Stephen Lane; Disk Drive/Disc Lane).

Sec. 50-242. - Prefixes and suffixes.

Directional prefixes and suffixes will be used only when necessary. If used, cardinal (north, south, east, and west) directions will only be used as prefixes and ordinal (northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast) directions will only be used as suffixes

Sec. 50-243. - Reserving road names.

- (1) A request for road name reservation can be presented to the City Council for any new planned development. These road names will be reviewed and reserved, if approved.
- (2) Road names for new roads may only be reserved for two years. Upon reaching the two-year mark from date of reservation, the names will no longer be reserved, should a written extension request not be made. A new request for an additional one-year extension of the road name(s) reservation must be submitted to the City Council.

Sec. 50-244. - Approvals.

All proposed road names shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council during the site or development plan review period.

Sec. 50-245. - Change to approved road names.

Roads name changes shall be authorized only by action of the City Council.

Sec. 50-246. - Road naming or road name change by petition.

Whenever a change to an approved and addressed road name is requested by a property owner or developer with access to the subject road, the following procedures shall apply.

- (1) A complete application shall be made with the City of Jackson, which shall be accompanied by a petition signed by 66 percent (two-thirds) or more of the property owners adjoining the said road in agreement. (An adjoining property owner is one who owns an interest in property contiguous to the street.) A nonrefundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted to the City of Jackson prior to processing; provided, however, applications initiated by City staff will have no fees associated with them.
- (2) Within 30 days of submittal, the City will determine the percentage of the affected property owners that have signed the petition. If less than 66 percent of the affected property owners have signed the petition, it will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant. If 66 percent or more have signed, the department will review the proposed road name for compliance with the requirements of this article.
- (3) If the proposed road name meets all criteria provided in the Selection Standards itemized in this Article, the proposed road name will be "reserved." A letter will then be sent by the City of Jackson to affected city and county departments for review and comments. If the requested name change receives

any unfavorable comments, the City of Jackson will schedule a meeting with affected departments and agencies to develop recommendations as to the beginning and ending points of said change (if necessary), or name change, or any road number changes that may be applicable.

- (4) After review and acceptance by the city and county departments of the request, and if 66 percent or more of the affected property owners have signed a petition, then the proposal will be placed on the agenda of the City Council. If all of the affected property owners do not agree to the requested road name change, or if less than 100 percent have signed the petition, then an advertised public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled and held. Note, however, that at least 66 percent of the affected property owners must sign the petition for it to be accepted for processing.
- (5) A notice advertising the name change shall be required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 15 days, but not more than 45 days, before the public hearing.
- (6) If, after public hearing, the name change is approved by the City Council, then all relevant city and county departments will make changes as necessary and again notify affected property owners and public agencies in writing at least ten days before the change becomes effective.
- (7) The applicant for road name change that has been approved shall be responsible for revising any final plats and paying any associated fees. The applicant shall also be responsible for the cost of new road name signs that will replace existing road name signs.

Sec. 50-247. - Honorary designations.

Honorary designations are discouraged but can be initiated by the City Council.

Sec. 50-248. - Renaming existing roads for emergency purposes.

Road names (public or private) may be changed by the City of Jackson as necessary for health, safety and welfare reasons and efficiency of the emergency response system. Owners of adjoining properties shall be notified in writing that the change is taking place and provided a list of proposed road names from which input shall be considered. A selection will be chosen after receiving input and be presented to the City Council for approval. For any case in which a continuous road has multiple names, the City of Jackson will determine the correct name and notify owners along such road of the name change.

Sec. 50-249. - Temporary road names.

Temporary road names for events or special occasions will not be permitted.

II. LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS

- A. Any ordinance in conflict with these provisions is hereby repealed.
- B. The public welfare demanding, these amendments shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

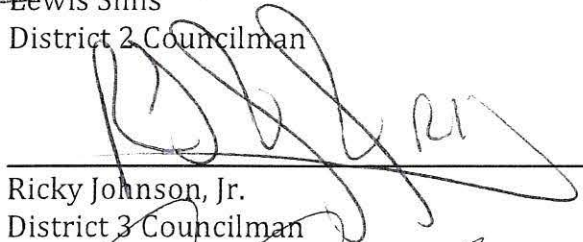
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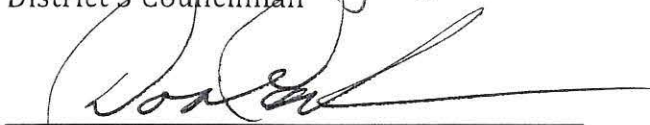
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Approved and Returned by the Mayor this 3rd day of August
 , 2020.

Kay Pippin, Mayor
City of Jackson, Georgia