

**ATTACHMENT NO. 1 –
“CITY OF OREGON CITY STREET NAMING POLICY”**

GUIDELINES:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a quick locate time for emergency service personnel, the United States Post Office, and citizen deliveries by eliminating as much confusion as possible.

APPLICATION

1. Proposed street names shall be made in writing to the Addressing Division one (1) month prior to the associated Subdivision or Partition plat recording date. The request shall include the proposed name, the specific street location, a vicinity map, and existing street names in ***or*** adjacent to the area. If the new street name is indicated on the proposed plat at the time of the Land Use Application it should have a prefix of “proposed”, such as “*proposed Wilson Street*”.
2. The City Addressing Division reserves the right to deny any proposed street name for any reason.

NAMES TO BE AVOIDED

1. Street names that are a duplicate of an existing street in the City of Oregon City or in Clackamas County shall be avoided.
2. Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road or Maywood Court and Maywood Lane shall be avoided.
3. Cumbersome, corrupted or modified names, discriminatory or derogatory names, from the point of view of race, sex, color, creed, political affiliation or other social factors, shall be avoided.
4. Names for public streets that could be construed as advertising a particular business shall be avoided.
5. The reuse of former street names shall be avoided because of the confusion this causes in property records management.
6. Extremely difficult words to spell and pronounce shall be avoided for emergency (911) services.

7. The use of proper names is not recommended and will be approved on a case by case basis.

STREET TYPE DESIGNATIONS

1. Street type designations, depending on roadway function, length and configuration, exist to define the character of a street. The following designations should be consulted:
 - a. **Avenue**- a public or city right-of-way that runs in a North-South direction
 - b. **Street**- A public or city right-of-way that runs generally in an East-West direction.
 - c. **Boulevard** – A major landscaped minor or major arterial that carries moderate to heavy volumes of traffic at moderate to high speeds
 - d. **Circle, Loop**- A road that runs in a circular direction terminating at or near in proximity to its beginning, and carries low to moderate volumes of traffic at low or moderate speeds.*** *IT IS NOT RECCOMENDED THAT A SUBDIVISION USE A CIRCLE OR LOOP DESIGNATION FOR BEGINNING PHASES WITHOUT COMMISSION APPROVAL OF ALL ADJOINING PHASE AREAS BECAUSE ADJOINING PHASES MAY NOT BE APPROVED AND A LOOP OR CIRCLE DESIGNATION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE****
 - e. **Crescent** – A street which forms a crescent.
 - f. **Court**- A local road that is of short length, that carries a low volume of traffic at low speeds, with no cross streets and generally terminates in a cul-de-sac.
 - g. **Drive, Parkway**- A meandering collector or arterial that carries low, moderate or high volumes of traffic at low, moderate or high speeds.
 - h. **Lane**- A local road that is of short length, that carries a low volume of traffic, at low speeds, and generally terminates in a cul-de-sac.
 - i. **Road**-Any public or private right-of-way.
 - j. **Place, Terrace, Way** –A local road that is of a short length and carries low volumes of traffic at low speeds.
 - k. Qualifying words may only be used when a newly created street is in actuality an extension of an existing street which cannot be renumbered or for which no municipal numbers are available. North, South, East, West and Upper or Lower are appropriate qualifying words. (Ex: S. Center Street)

STREET SIGNAGE

Public street signs must be in white text printed on green signs. Private street signs must be in white text printed on blue signs.