

Guilford County Development Ordinance

A-6 Street Names

A-6-1. - Name Submittal and Approval.

The Address Administrator shall approve all street names with right of appeal to the Planning Board.

- (A) The developer shall submit names on a sketch plan or preliminary plat for new streets contained within proposed developments. Proposed names shall be reserved once approved per Section A-6-2.
- (B) Property owners affected by a Change of Existing Street Name shall submit names according to Section A-8. Proposed names shall be reserved once approved per Section A-6-2.

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A-6-2. - General Requirements.

- (A) The proposed name shall not duplicate or be phonetically similar to existing street names irrespective of the suffix. Refer to Section A-6-3 for exceptions.
- (B) The use of complicated words or unconventional spellings shall be prohibited.
- (C) No symbols can be included in a name (for example; "#", "&", hyphens, decimals, periods, apostrophes, etc.).
- (D) The word "and" is prohibited from use in order to avoid confusion.
- (E) Any names considered discriminatory, exclusionary in nature, or deemed inappropriate shall be prohibited.
- (F) Use of initials shall be prohibited.

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A-6-3. - Street Naming.

- (A) It is acceptable for two streets to bear the same name provided the streets intersect and have different suffixes. A different block range shall be used for the intersecting streets when possible.
- (B) Proposed streets obviously in alignment with existing streets shall bear the same name and the suffix shall be in accordance with section A-6-5.
- (C) Proposed streets that may align in the future, but do not at the time of such development, shall not bear the same name. At such time the streets are connected, the street with the least amount of property owners will be renamed and affected properties readdressed so that the previously unconnected streets bear the same name. Notification concerning the potential for future readdressing shall be placed on the recorded plat when known.
- (D) Two opposing cul-de-sacs with lengths of less than 800 feet that are separated by a four-way intersection shall bear different street names and use the suffix "Court".
- (E) Two opposing cul-de-sacs or permanent dead-ends separated by a three-way intersection shall bear the same name with the suffix "Terrace", "Point", "Cove", "Dale", or "Way." The use of "Court" shall be prohibited per Section A-6-5.
- (F) A proposed street obviously in alignment with another proposed street shall bear the same name; the suffix shall be in accordance with section A-6-5.
- (G) A proposed street ending in a cul-de-sac that is greater than 800 feet in length shall bear the suffix in accordance with section A-6-5.
- (H) Offset Intersections and Split Routes or "dog-legs" shall be treated as separate streets with different names and numbering to preserve the integrity and continuity of the number system.

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A-6-4. - Prefixes.

Prefixes shall not be used in the street name but may be used for directional purposes with the approval of the Address Administrator based on the following standards.

- (A) The prefix "North" shall be used for the northern portion of roadways having the same name. (According to each user's grid system.)
- (B) The prefix "South" shall be used for the southern portion of roadways having the same name. (According to each user's grid system.)
- (C) The prefix "East" shall be used for the eastern portion of roadways having the same name. (According to each user's grid system.)
- (D) The prefix "West" shall be used for the western portion of roadways having the same name. (According to each user's grid system.)
- (E) The prefix "N.C. Highway" shall be used for all State numbered routes or roadways.
- (F) The prefix "U.S. Highway" shall be used for all Federal numbered routes or roadways (excluding those on Interstate System).
- (G) The prefix "Interstate Highway" shall be used for all Federal numbered routes or roadways on the Interstate System.

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A-6-5. - Suffixes.

Suffixes, including directional suffixes, shall not be used in the street name, (i.e. Ridge Lane Way). Suffixes shall be used based on the following standards.

- (A) The suffix "Street" shall be used for roadways running generally in a north-south direction or parallel to the base line for the grid system.
- (B) The suffix "Avenue" shall be used for roadways running generally in an east-west direction or parallel to the base line for the grid system depending on the individual user policy.
- (C) The suffix "Drive," "Trail," and "Trace" shall be used for roadways which follow a wandering alignment in different directions and/or intersect both street and "avenue" and generally have scenic attractiveness.
- (D) The suffix "Road" shall be used for roadways running generally in a diagonal direction and/or connecting urban areas.
- (E) The suffix "Boulevard" and "Parkway" shall be used for divided roadways, the sides of which are separated by a park or open median strip for their main extent with limited direct access.
- (F) The suffix "Terrace", "Point", "Cove", "Dale", or "Way" shall be used for short roadways with an exit from one end only (dead end) with no potential for extension.
- (G) The suffix "Court" shall be used for a single cul-de-sac less than eight hundred (800) feet in length with no intersecting side streets and not intended to be extended in the future.
- (H) The suffix "Circle" shall be used for short roadways that are circular or semi-circular in form and intersect the roadways from which they emanate at two different places.
- (I) The suffix "Place" or "Lane" shall be used for short roadways generally not over a block in length with no regard to predominant direction. (Guilford County uses "Lane" only for Private Lanes as defined by this Ordinance.)
- (J) The suffix "Alley" shall be used for short roadways of substandard width as between buildings or at the rear of property, generally used for service.

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