

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-__

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE, TITLE 6
PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER,
CHAPTER 7 STANDARDIZED STREET ADDRESSING**

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the Washington City Code, sets forth the provisions for the Public Ways and Property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt a new chapter adding to Title 6, which more specifically is adding 6-7 "Standardized Street Addressing", for the purpose of providing for the public safety, health and general welfare of the citizens of Washington City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Washington City, Utah recommended that the amended section of the Zoning Ordinance be approved; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Washington City Council after appropriate notice to consider the amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED by the City Council of Washington City as follows:

I. Title 6 - Chapter 7 Standardized Street Addressing, is being adopted into the Washington City Public Ways and Property regulations and is hereby added and shall read as follows:

TITLE 6

PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY

CHAPTER 7

STANDARDIZED STREET ADDRESSING

SECTION:

- 6-7-1: Purpose
- 6-7-2: Street Name Approval

- 6-7-3: Street Naming
- 6-7-4: Assignment Of Street Names And Numbers
- 6-7-5: Building Identification
- 6-7-6: Multiple Family Residential

6-7-1: **PURPOSE:** This chapter is established to provide a standard system for consistent and logical numbering and naming of streets and properties to avoid The duplication of street names within Washington City and Washington County. This chapter shall establish standard procedures for street naming, address numbering, and keeping addressing numbers clearly identifiable.

6-7-2: **STREET NAME APPROVAL:**

- A. Approval of Street Names, New Developments: All proposed public and private street names and types must be submitted and approved by the community development department and the public works department at the time the plats are under review by Washington City.
- B. Approval of Street Names, Existing Developments: When it is necessary to change the name or type of an existing public or private street, the street name and type or number and the corresponding intersection coordinates must be approved by the community development department and the public works department to eliminate confusion and duplication with other streets throughout the county. When a city determines to change the name of a street, it should schedule a public hearing to convey information about proposed name changes to citizens who are affected, and to eliminate capricious actions.

6-7-3: **STREET NAMING:**

- A. Duplication: Proposed street names that duplicate existing street names in the city or elsewhere in Washington County shall be avoided. Having a different street type suffix does not make the name different, e.g. Washington Street and Washington Ave.
- B. Confusion: In accordance with the goal of minimizing confusion for street names containing locational and other characteristics, the following criteria shall apply:
 - 1. Proposed street names that sound very similar to existing names or street names that have unconventional spellings shall be avoided.

2. The four compass directions shall not be used as part of the street name (e.g. Eastwood). This is to eliminate the occurrence of double directionals in assigning the address (e.g. 1229 W. Eastwood Drive).
 3. The standard street type designators shall not be used as part of the street name (e.g. Springlane Road). This is to eliminate the occurrence of double street type designators in the address.
 4. Abbreviations of part or the entire street name shall not be allowed.
- C. Continuity: Proposed street name are encouraged to have the following characteristics:
1. Historic significance.
 2. Local color and sense of place.
 3. Overall theme.
 4. Compatibility with adjacent streets.
- D Street Name Length: The length of a street name shall not be more than fifteen (15) characters including one space and two words, but not to include the street type designator.
- E. Street type designators: Proposed street names and street types should be matched as follows:
1. Boulevard and Parkway - arterials and collectors with planted or other physically separate medians.
 2. Drive and Way - a meandering, curvilinear or diagonal street usually longer than one thousand feet (1,000') and most always connect to other rights-of-way).
 3. Road - streets longer than one thousand feet (1,000').
 4. Street and Avenue - straight directional streets.
 5. Lane - short collector or minor streets which are usually less than one thousand feet (1,000') in length and may not always connect other rights-of-ways. May be used in names for private rights-of-way.
 6. Circle, Court, Place, Cove - cul-de-sacs and permanent dead-end streets usually less

than one thousand feet (1,000') in length. May be used effectively in planned unit developments, condominiums or other conditional use developments where streets with short branching configurations are proposed.

7. Alley - a small or narrow street, especially one running between or behind buildings permitting access from the street to backyards or garages.

6-7-4 **ASSIGNMENT OF STREET NAMES AND NUMBERS:** A street shall not be assigned a name and a number. This is to avoid persons using both interchangeably with their official situs address. When a street is designated with a an alphabetic name, only its intersection with other streets are assigned numbers as coordinates for the purpose of displaying them on intersection signs.

A. Streets which shall be assigned alphabetic names:

1. Streets that change direction at oblique angles to the address grid system axes.
2. Streets that are diagonal to the address grid system axes.
3. Circled or looped thorough-fares which return to themselves. If frontage number to be assigned for addresses on buildings are all on the outside of the loop, or all on the inside of the circle, the street may be given a single name, otherwise, a break shall be made at a distinct point at the back of the loop and multiple names assigned. This is to avoid duplicate and parallel address ranges for the same street name.
4. Horseshoe shaped thoroughfares that are not in alignment with the countywide grid system shall be assigned at least two names with the breaks occurring at the most distinct bends on the street.
5. Private streets which are proposed within private developments such as condominiums and planned unit developments shall be named.

B. Streets which shall be assigned numbers:

1. Major collector streets or collector streets which are in continuous alignment with the address grid system axes shall be assigned street numbers.
2. Marginal access streets which parallel major collector streets and collector streets in alignment with Countywide Grid System shall be assigned numbers.

C. Street numbering: When calculating street numbers and intersection coordinates, all

numbers shall be measured to the centerline of the roadway and shall end with the digit "0" or "5". Private numbering systems shall be avoided.

- D. Property numbering: The following standards shall be applied to the numbering of properties in the city:

1. Juxtaposition: Building numbers should be comparable (but not duplicated) on parallel streets and should be in consecutive order.
2. Even-odd: Building numbers should be assigned to opposite sides of the street as determined under the city address grid system.
3. Compass direction: On streets that do not conform to the four compass directions, building numbers should be assigned from the axis that most nearly matches the principal direction of the thoroughfare.
4. Corner lots: Dual addresses on corner lots shall be avoided. A final address will be assigned when a site plan showing building footprint is submitted.
5. Buildings without public frontage: Buildings that are hidden behind other buildings or do not have public frontage shall be numbered from the centerline of the principal access or driveway.

- 6-7-5 **BUILDING IDENTIFICATION:** All buildings shall have approved address numbers, and shall be identified using the following standards:

- A. Background: Numbers shall be set on a background of a contrasting color.
- B. Size: Numbers shall be Arabic numeral or alphabetic letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (4") high with a minimum stroke width of one-half inch (.5")
- C. Visibility: Numbers shall be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. When a building is some distance from a street or when view of the building is blocked by trees or shrubs, numbers should be displayed on a sign attached to a fence, gate, street mailbox, or lawn stake, in addition to being placed on the building.
- D. Corner lots: On corner lots, house numbers should face the street named in the Address.

- 6-7-6 **MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL:** Building numbering sequence will start on the right side of the "main" approved addressed entrance and flow in a

counterclockwise spiral direction consecutively numbering each building from outward to the inward. Individual unit identification numbers will begin with first and most outward building on the right side of the main approved entrance and flow in a counterclockwise spiral direction consecutively numbering each unit.

II. If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or entity or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other sections, provisions, clauses or applications thereof which can be implemented without the invalid provision(s), clause(s) or application(s) hereof, and to this end the provisions and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

III. This Ordinance supersedes or repeals the provision(s) of any ordinance(s) or resolution(s) that is (are) inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication or posting, as required by law.

PASSED AND ORDERED POSTED on this 11th day of December, 2019.

Washington City

Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

Attest:

Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder