



Legislation Text

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1 RESOLUTION NO. 30525
 2 WOZEAS several times a year the City of Tacoma is presented with
 3 requests for place names or name changes for buildings, streets,
 4 facilities, places, or natural features within the corporate City limits
 5 or owned by the City of Tacoma, and
 6 1q1EREAS there has never been a formal policy in'place establishing
 7 procedure and criteria for the selection of place names, and
 8 MHEREAS, it appears in the best interests of the City of Tacoma to
 9 establish an official City policy on place names and name changes; Nowj
 io Therefore,
 it BE IT RESOLVED BY TIE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
 12 That the official City Policy on Place Names and Name Changes
 13 shall be established, which policy shall be substantially in the form of
 14 the document entitled Policy on Place Names and Name Changes, a true copy
 15 of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and by this reference
 16 incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

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POLICY ON PLACE NAMES AND NAME, CHANGES

In the event that the- City of Tacoma wishes to confer P. specific name on a given building, street, facility, place or natural feature within the (@ity limits or owned by the City of Tacoma, the following policy is adopted. The same policy should also be followed in reviewing or preparing the Cit 7 of Tacoma's official comments or recommendations to State, Federal and/or intergovernmental boards taking actions regarding geographic names, riaming or renaming.

Policy

1. The City Council shall designate the names of city buildings, strPets, public places, facilities and natural features by resolution. At the
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request of the City Council and prior to an., final action by the Council, the Landmarhs Preservation Comm-ission shadl consider a name or the consideration of a name chan.-e for a specifir building, street, public place, facility or natural feature at a regularly scheduled and advertised meetings and formally adopt a recommendation to the City Council.

Procedure

1. The Mayor, a City Council member, the City Manager or any citizen C)r intereFted -,@roup may request the naming or renandn--r of a publJc

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individuals, and the media. All suggestions, solicited OT, not, shall
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4. TF a contest or competition is to be held, the romm)ssion shal-!
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before takin-@.-f action on any riamin-gy or rpnaming of a pubt.i.c. building,
street, plac-e, facility or natural feature.
- 6 The Commission shall provi.Ae appropriate public notice on any naming
actions in conjunction with other agenda items for regularly
scheduled Landmarks Preservation@Commission meetings. A period of@ 30
days shall be provided for any written public comment on any naming,
action and the Landmarks Preservation Commission shall provide an
opportunity for public comment on any naming action.
7. Following apublic hearing at a regular meeting and the 30 day comment
period, the Landmarks Preservation Commission shall forward all naming
or renaming actions to the City Council with a recommendation for
approval or denial. The Landmarks Preservation Commission will also
forward any historical and/or supportive information to the City
Council appropriate to justify the recommendation.
8. The City Council, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Landmarks
Preservation Commission may hold a public hearing prior to any final
action.
9. The City Council shall approve or disapprove any naming or renaming
action by resolution.
10. The City Manager, upon approval of the naming or renaming action by
the City Council, shall implement names or name changes of public
buildings, streets, places, facilities, and/or natural features. The
City Manager shall notify those who have submitted the suggestion as
well as the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) and other appropriate
offices and agencies. Upon City Council denial of a name or name
change, the City Manager shall notify those who sponsored the name
change.
- 11 . The City Managger will notify the Landmarks Preservation Commission of
any approval or denial action taken.

Criteria

Recognizing that the naming or renaming of a public building, street,
place, facility or natural feature should be approached cautiously with
forethought and deliberation, the following criteria are established.

1. 'lo avoid duplication, confusing similarity or inappropriateness, the
Commission, in considering name suggestions, shall review existing
building and facility names.

2. Consideration in naming buildings and facilities shall be given to geographical location, historical or cultural significance, and natural or geological features.
3. Buildings or facilities may be named for an individual if that individual has enhanced the quality of life within the city. Such buildings or facilities may be named for a person provided two or more years have lapsed between the consideration for naming and the time of death. Outstanding service shall be performed in one or more of the following categories:
 - A. Involvement, in a leadership role in civic organizations which are devoted to community improvement.
 - B. Assistance to the underprivileged, economically disadvantaged, physically and/or mentally handicapped,
 - C. Actively promoted and directed community events and activities which have clearly added to the enrichment of the quality and quantity of cultural life within the community.
 - D. Actively promoted and implemented effective youth programs and activities within the community for the City's young people.
 - E. Actively promoted and implemented effective programs and activities within the community for the senior citizens of the community.
 - F. Assumed an active leadership role in developing and implementing programs directed to the improvement of the visual aesthetic appearance of the community at the commercial, public or residential level.
 - G. Assumed an active leadership role in developing programs and/or facilities for collecting, promoting and remaining the many aspects of the natural or historical heritage of the community.
 - H. Assumed an active leadership role in developing programs and facilities directed toward the improvement of community social and health needs as well as programs directed toward humanitarian purposes.
4. Facilities may be named for an individual (alive or deceased) if that individual has made a significant direct financial grant to the City of Tacoma for purposes of developing a particular building or facility.
5. Facilities may be named after research reveals that the area around the facility has been commonly, yet unofficially, named by the residents in the area.
6. In all cases, the City Council will have the prerogative of accepting or rejecting the proposal.
7. Portions of a facility may have another name than that of the entire facility or features may be dedicated to or in honor of a person such as "Tide Pool - Cecil Brosseau" and "Owen Beach" at Point Defiance.
- B. In the development of facilities, address designation shall be used until the formal naming of the facility. Whenever possible, naming shall be made prior to completion of purchase or construction of the building or facility.

Officially approved by the City Council, changes should be strongly resisted, once a name has been

- 10. Changes of names for public buildings, facilities and man-made places such as parks should only be approved when they do not violate historical or common usage names.
- 11. Street names, plats, specific sites and places and natural features indicated on general usage maps for fifty years or more (age criteria applied by the National Register of Historic Places) should only be changed under exceptional circumstances.
- 12. Attention should be paid to maintaining sequential, numerical and alphabetical naming patterns when considering any street name changes or additions.
- 13. Historical names placed on designated landmarks listed on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, the Washington State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places shall not be changed.

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2. Community Development/Historic Pres.

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3. Preparation of an Ordinance/Resolution (indicate which) is requested for the City Council meeting of Tuesday July, 25,1989

4. Summary Title: (A brief sentence, as it will appear on the Council Agenda)

Resolution adopting an official City Policy on place names and name changes.

5. Background Information: (Why is this request necessary?) Comments:

In the event that the City of Tacoma wishes to confer a specific name on a given building, street, facility, place or natural feature within the city limits or owned by the City of Tacoma, the attached formal policy is proposed for adoption. Though the City of Tacoma is presented with requests for place names or name changes several times a year, there has apparently never been a formal policy in place establishing procedure and criteria for the selection of place names. The proposed policy is attached.

6. List all material available as backup information for the request and indicate where filed:

Source Documents/Backup Material	Location of Document
Draft Policy on Place Names and Name Changes	At t ache d/ Com. D ev. / C 1 erk

7. Funding Source: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

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Adopted by City Council July 25, 1989
Resolution No. 30525'
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c. Actively promoted
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which have clearly added