



# ST. CHARLES PARISH

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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

December 10, 2008

Honorable Brian J. Champagne  
Registrar of Voters  
P.O. Box 315  
Hahnville, LA 70057

Re: Street Naming

Dear Brian,

I have received a copy of a proposed ordinance for street naming that you provided to the Planning & Zoning Department for their review. Since June of this year I have been working on revising the existing street name ordinance found with the subdivision regulations. The revised proposed ordinance was submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission at their last meeting and it will then go before the Parish Council for consideration at the first Meeting in January.

The existing street name ordinance reads as follows:

3. Street names:

- a. Extension of Existing Street. A new Street shall bear the same name of any street which it is an extension of or which it is in alignment with.
- b. Duplication. Proposed street names shall not duplicate existing street names nor approximate such names except as provided in 3.a. above. All street names shall be approved by the Commission.
- c. Signs. Street name signs shall be placed by the Subdivider at all street intersections, at locations designated by the Parish Engineer. One (1) street name sign shall be placed at intersections of two (2) lane streets. Two (2) street name signs shall be placed at intersections of a two (2) lane and a four (4) lane street or at intersections of four (4) lane streets. Signs shall conform to the Louisiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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Attached you will find the revised version that will be coming before the Council. The revised version provides for the ability to seek a waiver to the naming of a new street with the same name of an existing street to which it is in alignment with. The existing ordinance lacks such a provision. The revised proposed ordinance also restricts the naming of a street with its primary name followed by a direction in addition to the existing restrictions contained in the existing ordinance. This new restriction would not allow such a naming as Bayou Estates South Drive but would allow a naming such as South Bayou Estates Drive.

The copy of your proposed ordinance includes a Section 2 entitled Word Suffixes for Streets. These suffixes are already used throughout the Parish and I do not know that the inclusion of this section would be of any benefit in the code and I need your thoughts on this.

The copy of your proposed ordinance also would require that the street names contain no more than 13 characters. The proposed ordinance that will be going before the Council can be amended to include this requirement should there be a need for it. I need your thoughts on this also.

Please contact me at (504) 915-4116 so that I can schedule a meeting with you at your office to discuss this item in detail.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Hogan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

PAUL J. HOGAN, PE  
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

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2008-0487

INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances  
Appendix C Section III. Geometric Standards,  
A. Streets, 3. Street Names (a), (b), and (c).

**THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** That the Code of Ordinances, Appendix C, Section III. Geometric Standards, A. Streets, 3. Street Names (a), (b), and (c) be revised as follows:

**REVISED**

Section III. Geometric Standards

3. Street Names:

- (a) Extension of Existing Street. A new street shall bear the same name of any street which it is an extension of or which it is in alignment with **unless a waiver to this requirement is requested through the Planning & Zoning Department, presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission for public hearing and recommendation, and approved by the Parish Council.**
- (b) Duplication. Proposed street names shall not duplicate existing street names nor approximate such names **with the exception as provided for in 3.a. above and with the exception of an existing primary street name being utilized with a direction proceeding the primary street name (example: Name Rd./South Name Rd. allowed). The use of an existing primary street name with a direction after the primary name is strictly prohibited (example: Name Rd./Name South Rd., prohibited). All proposed street names shall be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Department to ensure compliance with this Ordinance prior to the street names being approved by the Commission or the Council as provided for in 3.a. above.**
- (c) Signs. Street name signs shall be placed by the Subdivider at all street intersections, at locations, designated by the Parish Engineer. One (1) street name sign shall be placed at intersections of two (2) lane streets. Two (2) street names signs shall be placed at intersections of a two (2) lane and a four (4) lane street or at intersections of four (4) lane streets. **Signs shall conform to the Louisiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

And the ordinance was declared adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,  
to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Amend Ord. Appendix C, Street Names

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

RETD/SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

AT: \_\_\_\_\_ RECD BY: \_\_\_\_\_