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COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



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ORDINANCE NO. 89- 045

ADOPTING SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ROAD NAME PLAN

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ROAD DESIGNATIONS FOR LOCATION PURPOSES, DIRECTING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INVENTORY AND CLARIFY ROAD NAMES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 13.120 SCC TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEWING ROAD NAMES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CHANGING ROAD NAMES.

WHEREAS, there is an existing uniform street and road numbering system in Snohomish County based on a numerical grid system for the quick and accurate location of properties within the unincorporated area of Snohomish County, and

WHEREAS, the existing plan does not include methodology to designate county roads that do not fall into the uniform and comprehensive street numbering system based on the numerical grid system, and

WHEREAS, there is the necessity to assign consistent, meaningful, and appropriate street and road name designations and develop a master street and road addressing guide to assist emergency service dispatchers and providers in locating properties, and

WHEREAS, there is the necessity to establish standards and guidelines for selecting and changing designations of roads in the unincorporated area of Snohomish County and to redesignate roads to avoid duplicative and/or confusing road designations, and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to delegate the authority to prepare, maintain, and periodically update a Comprehensive Road Name Plan in accordance with the standards and guidelines provided in this ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the functions concerning road designations and clarifications of road names could best be performed by the Director of Public Works as the County Engineer or his/her designees, as part of his/her road administration duties under the County Road Ordinance, Title 13, Snohomish County Code and State law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. That the Snohomish County Road Map Atlas, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted and by this reference incorporated herein as the preliminary Comprehensive Road Name Plan for Snohomish County.

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Section 2. That the Director of Public Works or his/her designee is directed to inventory public and private road names contained in the Snohomish County Road Map Atlas and correct and/or modify inaccurate, incomplete, multiple, duplicative, inconsistent, and/or confusing names in accordance with the following guidelines:

The standards and guidelines for administering the Comprehensive Road Name Plan include but are not limited to:

1) Conformance with the numerical, nomenclature (e.g., street, avenue, drive, place) and geographic designation rules set forth in Chapter 13.120 SCC to facilitate location of properties by emergency service dispatchers and providers;

2) Consistency and proximity in name segments, e.g., maintaining same name along distinct road segments and not using same name for discontinuous segments;

3) Clarity, ease of use and avoidance of confusing, over-long or misleading names;

4) Preference for descriptive names with logical relationship to locale or geographic area;

5) Facilitation of map reading and indexing to assist in rapid location of roads and addresses;

6) Use of privately proposed road names except where duplicative, confusing or otherwise in contravention of standards of good practice for road number and name designations;

7) Avoidance of multiple and/or alternative names for single road sections and requirement of selection of a primary road designation to assist in the 911 program for emergency services dispatching;

8) Any other appropriate and applicable standards concerning road and street designations as well as current Department of Public Works policies, guidelines, or rules for naming Public Roads as determined by the County Engineer.

The road names as inventoried by Department of Public Works including clarifications and modifications in accordance with the standards and guidelines, shall become the Comprehensive Road Name Plan and shall be maintained on file in the Department of Public Works and updated in accordance with Chapter 13.120 SCC.

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NEW CODE SECTION. Section 3. A new section is added to Chapter 13.120 SCC, adopted as Ordinance No. 85-051 on July 3, 1985, to read as follows:

13.120.005 The Department of Public Works is authorized to review proposed public and private road names, maintain a Comprehensive Road Name Plan, and notify the U.S. Post Office, public and private utilities, law enforcement agencies, emergency services providers, and other persons of new or corrected road names.

NEW CODE SECTION. Section 4. A new section is added to Chapter 13.120 SCC, adopted as ordinance No. 85-051 on July 3, 1985, to read as follows:

13.120.006 The Director of Public Works or his/her designee shall maintain and update the Comprehensive Road Name Plan for Snohomish County. The Director of Public Works or his/her designee shall develop policies and guidelines for road names and numbers in accordance with the following guidelines:

1) Conformance with the numerical nomenclature (e.g., street, avenue, drive, place) and geographic designation rules set forth in Chapter 13.120 SCC to facilitate location of properties by emergency service dispatchers and providers;

2) Consistency and proximity in name segments, e.g., maintaining same name along distinct road segments and not using same name for discontinuous segments;

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7) Avoidance of multiple and/or alternative names for single road sections and requirement of selection of a primary road designation to assist in the 911 program for emergency services dispatching;

8) Any other appropriate and applicable standards concerning road and street designations as well as current Department of Public Works policies, guidelines, or rules for naming Public Roads as determined by the County Engineer.

The Director of Public Works shall make County Road Name Plan maps available at the Department of Public Works and shall annually submit a copy to the County Council.

NEW CODE SECTION. Section 5. A new section is added to Chapter 13.120 SCC, adopted as ordinance No. 85-051 on July 3, 1985, to read as follows:

13.120.800 In reviewing and compiling road name and number designations, the County makes no representations concerning title or ownership of real property, legal road access or compliance with any state statute, County Code, or other provision governing land development. Road name and number designations shall include public and private roads for location purposes only.

PASSED this 31st day of May, 1989.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

William J. Burbank
Chairperson

Approved as to form only:

[Signature] 4-11-89
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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ATTEST;

Julie Van Cleve
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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DATED: June 5, 1989

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County Executive

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