

RESOLUTION NO. 18-218

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE THE DEDICATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE (PUBLIC STREETS AND BRIDGES) WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville adopted a written policy for the naming of publicly owned properties on March 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville desires to recognize noteworthy individuals and/or organizations that have served the community with honor and distinction; and


WHEREAS, the City of Asheville would like to revise the written policy for naming public property to include a policy to dedicate public infrastructure (public streets and bridges) within the public right-of-way; and

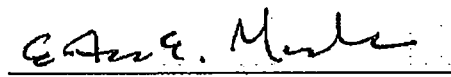
WHEREAS, the City of Asheville staff have investigated best practices regarding policy of naming publicly owned properties that has resulted in a submitted formal written policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

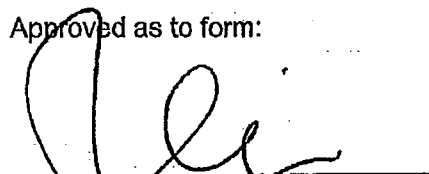
The City Council of Asheville adopts the attached revised policy for naming publicly owned properties to include dedicating public infrastructure (public streets and bridges) within the public right-of-way.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of August, 2018.


City Clerk


Mayor

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

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Policy for Naming Publicly Owned Properties & Dedicating Public Streets and Bridges

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Purpose – The Asheville City Council (herein referred to after as Council) believes that the naming of public property such as buildings, parks, squares and greenways **and the dedication of public streets and bridges** is a matter of great importance and deserves careful and deliberate consideration. The Council, therefore, establishes this policy to establish a systematic and consistent methodology for the naming of City-owned property **and dedication of public streets and bridges**.

Applicability – This policy shall apply to all City of Asheville owned property subject to the care, custody and control of the Council, or their designated authorities. Such property is comprised of all the real estate, **public streets and bridges**, and personal property owned by the City of Asheville.

Policy – When considering the naming of any public property or portion thereof **or the dedication of any public street or bridge**, the Council may consider the following guidelines:

- Priority should be given to names carrying geographical, historical or cultural significance to the area in which the property is located or to the City of Asheville as a whole.
- Property may be named after an individual when the individual has a historical association with the property, the area in which it is located in the City of Asheville as a whole, or where the individual played a leadership role in the City of Asheville, such as through distinguished service in the military, law enforcement, firefighting or public service. Quality of contribution in these areas may be considered along with length of service.

- Property may be named after an individual or organization that has made significant financial or civic contributions to the City of Asheville, or has made a direct financial grant to the City of Asheville for purposes of developing a particular property.
- Names should be chosen in a manner that avoids duplication, confusing similarity or inappropriateness.

Suggestions for the naming of any of any public property or portion thereof may come to the Council from any City of Asheville Department Director or official or any member of the public. Any proposal from the public or otherwise, can bring their request forward to either the Mayor or City Manager or any three members of Council, as is the normal process for placing items on the agenda.

Prior to voting on a name, the Council may solicit the advice of surrounding property owners, residents, affected parties, other City officials or anyone else that the Council believes can contribute meaningful input.

The naming of any property or portions thereof shall require a majority vote of the Council members present.

For the dedication of public streets and bridges within public right-of-way, the following guidelines also apply:

1. **Eligible streets include COA-maintained streets with a minimum length of 0.5 mile and a maximum length of 1.5 miles.**
2. **Eligible bridges include COA-maintained bridges.**
3. **Sign wording would be "John Doe Memorial Street" or "John Doe Memorial Bridge". For Police officers or Firefighters, a title could also be added.**
4. **Two white on green signs would be fabricated, installed, and maintained by the City (at the beginning and ending points of the street or on each side of the bridge).**
5. **One smaller size white on green sign would be fabricated and framed for the family by the City.**
6. **Funding for the signs would be provided by the Transportation Department.**

This policy is only a guide and nothing herein shall be construed so as to limit the Council's authority to use its discretion based on the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular issue.

This policy may be amended or rescinded by the Council by majority vote.