Chapter 19.900

STREET NAME CHANGE

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19.900.010 Purpose.
The purpose of this Chapter is to establish procedures to change street names that may be perceived to be confusing, that are displeasing to property owners, or that are duplicated elsewhere in the City. (Ord. 7163 §3, 2012)

19.900.020 Initiation of Street Name Change.
A Street Name Change may be initiated in any one of the following manners:

A. Upon minute action of the City Council.
B. Upon minute action of the Planning Commission.
C. Upon application by 51% of the adjacent and affected property owners requesting the Street Name Change. (Ord. 7163 §3, 2012)

19.900.030 Procedures.
A. General Process
   1. Requests shall be processed in conformance with the discretionary processing provisions as set forth in Chapters 19.650 (Approving Authority), 19.660 (General Application Processing Procedures), 19.670 (Notices and Hearings), 19.680 (Appeals), 19.690 (Effective Dates) and other applicable Chapters of the Zoning Code.

B. Voting/Approval Requirement
   Approval of a Street Name Change requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the Planning Commission members present and voting. The Planning Commission’s denial of a Street Name Change is final unless appealed to the City Council. If approved by the Planning Commission or appealed to the City Council, the City Council is the final approving authority. A simple majority vote of the City Council is required for approval. (Ord. 7163 §3, 2012)

19.900.040 Street Name Change Criteria.
In concurrence with the United States Post Office and the Riverside Fire Department, the Planning Division will use the following criteria in evaluating a proposed street name. The Planning Division will assign an appropriate suffix or prefix to proposed street names, such as “Drive,” “Way,” “Place,” “Avenue,” “Boulevard,” “Camino,” “Via,” or “Calle.”

A. The first and last names of living persons shall not be permitted.
B. Proposed street names that are similar sounding or that have a similar spelling to existing street names shall not be permitted. This is applicable to existing streets found in:

1. The City of Riverside;

2. The Riverside postal service area, including Rubidoux, Pedley, Glen Avon, Highgrove, Woodcrest, Glen Valley, Lake Hills, March Air Reserve Base, and certain other nearby unincorporated areas; and

3. Within five (5) miles of the City of Riverside city limits, including portions of the Cities of Corona, Norco, Perris, or Moreno Valley.

C. Obscene, frivolous, egotistic, or otherwise inappropriate names shall not be permitted.

D. To the extent possible, short names of five (5) letters or less shall be used for short streets or cul-de-sacs of 300 feet or less in length.

E. Proposed street names that are too difficult to pronounce or spell shall not be permitted.”
(Ord. 7163 §3, 2012)