

SECTION 8 STREET NAMING AND ADDRESS NUMBERING

Subdivision 1: INTENT AND PURPOSE.

To accommodate the needs of the residents as development patterns, communication equipment, postal procedures and other conditions change in the future, while protecting public health, safety, and general welfare, the City finds that the following regulations are necessary to reduce the number of conflicts between land developers and property owners in providing a standard addressing system for residential, commercial and industrial planned developments. A clear and efficient system shall:

1. Prevent difficulties and delays for access by emergency vehicles such as police, fire trucks and ambulances; and
2. Maintain compatibility with the postal delivery system; and
3. Provide for orderly urban growth with flexibility to allow for changes while being easily understood by all users; and
4. Aid in locating addresses, maintaining business records and providing services by inspectors, utilities, parcel delivery companies, public workers, etc, and civic employees who frequently use address; and
5. Provide simplicity in planning new subdivisions for all parties involved; and
6. Assist in maintaining correct legal documents, voter records, property records or driver's licenses; and
7. Eliminate the confusion and potential traffic accidents resulting from searching for addresses;
8. As well as prevent duplication or out-of-sequence addressing within the City.

A uniform system of property identification is hereby established for the naming of streets and the address numbering of all lots, buildings and structures within the City of Foley.

Subdivision 2: STREET NAMES and ADDRESS ASSIGNMENTS.

Street names and the address assignments of all lots, buildings and structures in the City shall be determined by the City Council after recommendation from the Planning Commission and the Public Works Department.

Subdivision 3: ADDRESS ASSIGNMENT.

For the purpose of numbering lots, buildings and structures, addresses shall be assigned on a grid system basis according to the following:

1. Point of Reference. The “point of reference” shall be the intersection of Main Street and Norman Avenue.
 - A. Baseline for streets running east and west. Generally the baseline for streets running east and west shall be the centerline of Norman Avenue extended from the north corporate limits of the City to the south corporate limits of the City, and numbers lying west of this line shall be designated west.
 - B. Baseline for streets running north and south. Generally the baseline for streets running north and south shall be the centerline of Main Street extended from the east corporate limits of the City to the west corporate limits of the City, and numbers on those streets lying both north and south of this line shall be designated north or south, as the case may be.
2. Address designation. Addresses within the block shall be assigned consecutively, except, depending on lot frontages, where further lot divisions are possible.
3. Odd numbers to be on the north and west sides. Odd numbers for lots, buildings, and structures shall be assigned

on the north side of all east-west streets and the west side of north-south streets.

4. Corner lot addresses. Corner lot addresses will be assigned and displayed according to the location of the main entrance of the building. This is provided that such a street is improved.

Subdivision 4: STREET NAMING ASSIGNMENT.

The City Council shall determine street names after recommendation from the Planning Commission and the Public Works Department according to the following:

1. Names shall be appropriate, easy to read (so that children can use the name in an emergency situation), and should add to community pride by promoting local history.
2. Names with the same theme (i.e., flowers, states, trees, presidents, same # of syllables) shall be used as a means of general identification.
3. Historically used road names shall be retained where possible.
4. Names tending to be confused as homonyms, having the same or similar pronunciation but with different spellings, shall be prohibited. (e.g. Smith, Smyth, or Smythe; Ellis or Allice; Allen or Alan.)
5. Names that may be offensive (slang, double meanings, etc.) shall be prohibited.
6. Use of frivolous or complicated words, or unconventional spellings in road names are prohibited.
7. Sound-alike names (e.g. Bay View DR, Bayview DR or Brainard LN, Barnard LN) are prohibited.
8. Special characters in road names such as hyphens, apostrophes or dashes shall not be used.

9. Standard suffixes or directional suffixes or directional suffixes or prefixes shall not be used as street names (e.g. North Blvd., Court St, Avenue of Pines).
10. Family names or individual's names, especially living persons and politicians, shall not be used.
11. Only common or correct spelling of names will be accepted (e.g. Jane not Jayne, Green not Greene).
12. Names shall not promote or advertise a business or product.
13. Dual or alternative street names shall be prohibited (i.e. John Street will also be known as John and Mary Street).
14. Street names in a foreign language shall not be accepted unless their meaning is polite and reasonable.
15. Due to the physical restrictions of the size of standard street name signs and the capabilities of various emergency services computers, street names are restricted to a maximum of 20 letters and spaces (including street name and suffix).
16. Names that tend to be slurred or difficult to pronounce shall not be used.
17. Directional prefixes (e.g. East, West) shall not be used unless the street actually crosses existing North-South or East-West boundaries.
18. For cul-de-sacs that are not an extension of an existing street, the suffix shall be either court or circle.
19. A street name combination (primary name & suffix) may be used only once and may not be used in any other alignment.

- A. Once a name is assigned to any alignment it may not change anywhere along the extension of that alignment, regardless of jurisdiction unless the subject segment does not and cannot in the future connect to an existing street segment along the alignment.
- B. No new streets shall be accepted by the City, nor municipal improvements made therein, until such streets have been named. If they are extensions of existing streets, the existing names shall be continued, and if not extensions, names recorded shall comply with procedure set forth in this ordinance.

Subdivision 5: STREET SUFFIXES.

The designation of all street name suffixes shall be standardized according to the following:

1. **Road:** Arterials.
2. **Street:** A collector or minor arterial street with intersecting streets running primarily east and west.
3. **Avenue:** A collector or minor arterial street with intersecting streets running primarily north and south.
4. **Drive:** A local or subcollector street with six or less intersecting streets running primarily east and west.
5. **Lane:** A local or subcollector street with six or less intersecting streets running primarily north and south.
6. **Place:** A short local street having one or no intersecting streets but not a cul-de-sac.
7. **Boulevard:** A street with a landscaped median strip but not major arterial.
8. **Cul-de-Sac:** A minor street with only one outlet and having an appropriate terminal for the safe and convenient reversal of traffic movement.

Subdivision 6: DEFINITIONS.

1. **Directional Prefix:** The portion of a street name that indicates the primary direction of the street.
2. **Primary Name:** The portion of a street name that is neither a directional prefix nor a suffix.
3. **Suffix:** The portion of a street name which indicates that it is a right-of-way, such as "Street", "Avenue", "Lane", "Road", "Circle", "Way", etc.

<i>Example: Directional Prefix</i>	<i>Primary Name</i>	<i>Suffix</i>
North	Broadway	Avenue

Subdivision 7: GUIDELINES and CONFIGURATIONS FOR STREET NAMING.

1. Offset Alignments.
 - A. When a major street (right-of-way over 60 feet in width) changes its alignment at an intersection by not more than 150 feet, it shall take on the name of the original alignment to provide traffic and addressing continuity.
 - B. When a major street changes its alignment at an intersection and then returns to its original sectional alignment, it shall retain the same name.
2. Straight Streets.
 - A. A newly developed street shall assume the name of the street on which it aligns, unless the street does not and cannot in the future connect to an existing street segment along the alignment.

- B. A separate street name shall be assigned to any new street that is neither in alignment with, nor an extension of, any existing street.
- C. Once a street name is assigned to a particular alignment, it may not be assigned to any other alignment.

Subdivision 8: STREET NAME DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS.

1. It shall be the developer's responsibility to provide and install street signs in accordance with City requirements.
2. In addition to the street name, street name signs shall identify the appropriate hundred block. In the case of cul-de-sacs, address range shall be identified.