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Public Property Naming Procedures

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(a) **Renaming Streets.**

- (1) To request the renaming of a Village street, by anyone other than the Village, a petition signed by at least fifty percent (50%) of all property owners along the street in question shall be submitted to the Village Board. Petition signatures shall be limited to one per parcel. Naming shall be accomplished through adoption of a formal resolution by the Village Board.
- (2) For streets within a recorded subdivision or certified survey map, an affidavit of correction shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds as specified under Sec. 236.295, Wis. Stats.
- (3) All costs associated with the name, including the cost of any recording necessary and the cost of signage shall be paid by the person(s) submitting the request. This cost may be waived by the Village board.

(b) **Naming of Public Waters.** (Note: proposed names for public waters require approval of the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council in order to be recognized on maps outside the Village.)

- (1) Requests to name or rename a creek, stream, river or lake shall be made in writing and brought before the Village Board. The person(s) who submitted the request shall provide background information into the rationale behind the request, including biographical information if to be named after a person. Any letters from appropriate organizations and individuals which provide evidence of substantial local support for the proposal shall be submitted at that time. If the creek, stream, river or lake is included in a Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, approval from the district must be obtained prior to the submittal of the request to the Village. Upon approval of the Village Board, the proposed name change shall be submitted to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council for approval. The Village Board meets every February to act on all requests.
- (2) Once a public body of water is named after a person, the name of the public body of water cannot be changed for a period of fifty (50) years.

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- (3) All costs associated with the naming, including the cost of any recording necessary and the cost of signage, shall be paid by the person(s) submitting the request. This cost may be waived by the Village Board.
- (c) **Naming of Public Facilities.**
- (1) Requests for the naming or the renaming of public buildings, faculties, and parks shall be submitted in writing. Requests concerning parks shall be brought before the Village Board. The person(s) who submitted the request shall provide background information into the rationale behind the request, including biographical information if to be named after a person. Any letters from appropriate organizations and individuals which provide evidence of substantial local support for the proposal shall be submitted at that time. Naming shall be accomplished through adoption of a formal resolution by the Village Board.
 - (2) Once a public building, park or facility is named after a person, the name of the public property cannot be changed for a period of fifty (50) years.
 - (3) All costs associated with the naming, including the cost of any recording necessary and the cost of signage, shall be paid by the person(s) submitting the request. This cost may be waived by the Village Board.
- (d) **Recommendations.** At its option, the Village Board may ask for advisory recommendations on renaming applications from Village committees/commissions, Village staff or civic organizations.