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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 86 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, TO ADD SEC. 86-10. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE OF STREET NAME

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the section of the Code addressing Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article I. In General, be amended to add Sec. 86-10. Procedure for change of street name, as follows:

Sec. 86-10. Procedure for change of street name.

(a) Goals and objectives.

(1) Preserve historic and significant street names that add to the city's cultural, architectural and historic ambience;

(2) Maintain the continuity of street names throughout the city;

(3) Improve the clarity of the city's street name system where possible, especially with respect to the identification of locations by those agencies charged with public safety and emergency services;

(b) Anyone desiring to change a street name in the city shall submit to the council office the following information:

(1) Name of person or group requesting the street name change;

(2) Contact person and address;

(3) Location of proposed name change, including total length of the street to be affected and bounding streets or other boundaries;

(4) Total number of lots affected by proposal;

(5) Total number of residential, commercial and industrial uses affected by proposal;

(6) Proposed street name;

(7) A letter of transmittal briefly stating the reason that the name change is requested; and

(8) A petition signed by at least fifty-one (51) percent of the owners of property fronting the subject street, expressing their approval of the proposed name change.

(c) Upon receipt of all information required above, the proposal will be placed on the agenda of the next available meeting of the city council. No case will be processed until all of the information required in subsection (b) above has been received.

(d) In addition, written comments shall be requested from the city police department, the city fire department, the city department of public works, the city postmaster and the St. Tammany Parish Communications District ("911").

(e) Evaluation criteria.

(1) Streets may be named after historically significant actions, as part of a theme, or after a person who has made a demonstrable and significant positive impact on the city, state or country.

(2) No fragmentation of the name of any continuous street shall be permitted. All street renaming shall occur in such a manner that one of the following two criteria are met: 1) the entire length of a continuous street shall be renamed, or 2) a section of a street shall be renamed only where such section is physically separated or obstructed from other sections of the same street by structures, parks, canals, interstates, rivers, bayous or other significant objects.

(3) The creation of duplicate street names shall not be permitted and preference shall be given to requests for the renaming of existing duplicate street names. Street names shall be considered duplicate even if their suffixes (street, road, circle, boulevard, etc.) are different or if they have similar spellings (Claire Avenue and Clare Court) or pronunciations (Rayne Drive or Reynes Street).

(f) Any city elected official who desires a street name change shall be governed by the procedure set forth herein.

(g) As soon as practical after the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the change of a street name in the city, the department of public works shall proceed to make all physical changes to street signs as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article I. In General, shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by O'Keefe, seconded by Callahan.

YEAS: 5 **ABSENT:** 2 (WRIGHT and ROLLING)

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2013.

Lee S. Alexius
LEE S. ALEXIUS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 21st day of October, 2013, at 9:55 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 21st day of October, 2013.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 21st day of October, 2013, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL