

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 1999 - 04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 89-1 KNOWN AS THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERING ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County Ordinance No. 1989-1 relating to street naming and property address numbering is now required to be amended for more efficient administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that :

Section 7: Provisions for Thoroughfare Naming, Signing and Numbering from Santa Cruz County Ordinance Number 1989-1 is amended in its entirety to read:

Section 7: Provisions for Thoroughfare Naming, Signing and Numbering.

7.1 General

- A. Names of County thoroughfares, and private roads and easements, will be approved by the Santa Cruz County Public Works Director hereinafter. Signs used for naming and numbering County thoroughfares shall be given green background color with white lettering and shall be installed by Santa Cruz County on County thoroughfares existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance. Road, street and easement signs on non-County thoroughfares shall be red background with white lettering. This section shall not apply to signing in designated Historic Zones. Signs in designated Historic Zones shall be regulated by Santa Cruz County Ordinance No. 81-4. Signs in place as of January 28, 2000 shall be corrected as necessary by Santa Cruz County. New road, street and easement signs on non-County thoroughfares, except in subdivisions, are to be placed by and at the expense of Santa Cruz County. Placement of signs for new non-County thoroughfares, except in subdivisions, will be accomplished over a period of time and scheduling will be at the discretion of the Public Works Director.

- B. Landowners are required to submit an application for a street name to the Public Works Department for an unnamed private thoroughfare. The Public Works Director will review and approve the street name if appropriate.

7.2 Renaming Existing Streets

- A. The need to rename an existing County thoroughfare or right-of-way shall be determined by the Santa Cruz County Public Works Director, or by a majority of land owners residing adjacent to said thoroughfare or right-of-way.
- B. If the Public Works Director determines that there is a need to rename an existing County thoroughfare or right-of-way, he shall propose a new name and have a map prepared showing both the old name and the proposed name change. The map and proposed thoroughfare name change proposal information shall be published twice in the official County newspaper. Two weeks from the last publication date shall be allowed for members of the public to file objections with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- C. To otherwise determine a need to rename an existing County thoroughfare or right-of-way and propose a new name, a petition signed by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the landowners residing adjacent to the said thoroughfare or right-of-way may be submitted. A map shall then be prepared by the Public Works Director, and said map and proposed thoroughfare name change proposal information shall be published twice in the official County newspaper. Two weeks from the last publication date shall be allowed for members of the public to file objections with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- D. Street name changes will then be considered by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors after placement on the agenda of their regularly scheduled meeting. Prior to making its decision, the Board of Supervisors shall consider:
 - 1.) Does the thoroughfare or right-of-way have any Historical reason for having the name it has?
 - 2.) Is the name appropriate according to the other street names in the neighborhood?

- 3.) If a duplicate street name is being considered, which street has the least number of houses on it and thus would require the least number of address changes?
 - 4.) Which street has had its name for the longest period of time?
 - 5.) Which street name is used for the longest distance or the most traveled section?
- E. The following fee schedule shall apply to Santa Cruz County fees related to street name changes on County thoroughfares or rights of way. These fees are waived if the street name change is initiated by Santa Cruz County Public Works or Rural Addressing. Fees for street name changes shall be paid at the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department:
- 1.) Filing of Street Renaming Petition \$ 200.00
 - 2.) Fee per Street Sign Changed by Petition \$ 80.00
- F. The landowner of a private road is required to submit an application for a street name change to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Director will review and approve the street name if appropriate. The fee in E(2) shall also apply to any street sign changes on private roadways requested by the landowner.

7.3 New Subdivisions

- A. Street names shall be determined in accordance with the street naming guidelines contained elsewhere in this Ordinance. Along with the Preliminary Plat map, the subdivider shall submit a street naming proposal to the Planning and Zoning Department. The street naming proposal shall consist of (1) map of the overall tract illustrating street layout and name proposed for each street, and (2) an alphabetical list of the proposed street names, together with an alternate name for each name proposed. The Planning and Zoning Department shall review the proposed street names, duplication of names, appropriateness of names, and for overall compliance with the street naming guidelines. The Planning and Zoning

Department may modify or amend the program as it deems necessary in order to bring it into conformance with the street naming guidelines. The approved street names as well as property address numbers, shall be included in the final plat map which is submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval and for recordation. Street signs, designating street names, shall be installed by the subdivider at the intersection of all thoroughfares and at such other locations to specifications as may be determined by the Public Works Director.

- B. All signs for County thoroughfares and private streets within a subdivision shall be in accordance with the 7.1 of this Ordinance. A developer who desires an exception to the required signage of 7.1 of this Ordinance and wishes to install an alternative sign style for street signs in the subdivision must go through an approval process. Forms to request an alternative sign style may be obtained at the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department. The developer will be required, as a part of the approval process, to get an approval signature from: Public Works Director, Planning and Zoning Director, Fire District Chief and Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office or their designees in order to obtain an exception.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE _____ day of _____, 2000.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ronald R. Morriss, Chairman

Robert Damon, Vice-Chairman

Robert Rojas, Member

ATTEST:

Melinda Meek, Clerk of the Board

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Weber, Deputy County Attorney

Date