RESOLUTION NO. 22-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND STREET NAMING POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground has the authority to establish names or rename streets in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is a prudent business practice to review established policies, and amend those policies as needed to prepare for future streets; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City to reserve the naming or renaming of streets for circumstances that will best serve the interests of the City ; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a naming policy that has broad considerations which promote a strong positive image, commemorate people and events, are of continued importance to the city, have broad public support and/or are appropriate to the venue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground has adopted Resolution No. 09-07 adopting historical names for the naming of streets, Parks and Other City Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the council wishes to update the resolution adopting historical names to provide a framework for selecting historical names that can progress with time; and

WHEREAS, the council has determined to be considered a historical name the impact or historical significant event had to have occurred thirty (30) years prior; and

NOWTHEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Battle Ground, Washington hereby Declares and Resolves as follows:

Section 1. Street Naming Policy. The City adopts the Street Naming Policy hereto referenced as Attachment "A".

Section 2. Repeal of Historic Names. Through adoption of this Resolution City Council repeals Resolution No. 09-07 adopting historical names for the naming of streets, parks and other faciltiies.

ADOPTED BY THE BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL, THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

Philip Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Kammer, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kirk Ehlis, Menke Jackson Beyer, LLP

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND STREET NAMING POLICY

GUIDELINES:

APPLICATION

1. The current method of naming streets shall be the grid system. The grid method shall be the rule for naming all streets.

2. Proposed changes to street names shall be made in writing to the Community Development Department at the time of the associated Subdivision or Partition application. The request shall include the proposed name, the specific street location and brief but complete background information on the name and how it meets the street name policy. If the new street name is indicated on the proposed plat at the time of the Land Use Application it should have a prefix of "proposed", such as *"proposed Wilson Street'.*

3. Streets should generally be named after historic people, places, events and things related to the City and citizens of Battle Ground. Proposed historic names should meet one of the following criteria:

   a. to honor and commemorate noteworthy historic persons associated with the City of Battle Ground or the State of Washington;
      I. for the purpose of this policy, a historic person shall be a person that has been established in the community or made an impact on the community thirty (30) or more years ago.
   b. to commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
   c. to strengthen neighborhood identity; or
   d. To recognize native wildlife, flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City of Battle Ground.

   Consideration should be given to names of local area or historic significance. Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances. Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with an existing street name in Battle Ground and Clark County.

4. Whether initiated by a developer, citizen, or council member, or other board, all street naming shall be approved at a regular council meeting and such meeting shall be noticed to the public for their comments.

NAMES TO BE AVOIDED

1. Street names being a duplicate of an existing street in the City of Battle Ground or in Clark County shall be avoided.

2. Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road or Maywood Court and Maywood Lane shall be avoided.

3. Generic names involving topographic features and generic flora or fauna shall be

avoided (e.g. Meadowhill, Forest Glen, Hazleknoll, Dear Meadow).

4. Cumbersome, corrupted or modified names, discriminatory or derogatory names, from the point of view of race, sex, color, creed, political affiliation or other social factors, shall be avoided.

5. Names for public streets that could be construed as advertising a particular business shall be avoided.

6. The reuse of former street names should be discouraged because of the confusion this causes in property records management.

STREET TYPE DESIGNATIONS

1. Street type designations, depending on roadway function, length and configuration, exist to define the character of a street. The following designations should be consulted:
    a. **Avenue-** a public or city right-of-way that runs in a North-South direction
    b. **Street-** A public or city right-of-way that runs generally in an East-West direction.
    c. **Boulevard-**A major landscaped minor or major arterial that carries moderate to heavy volumes of traffic at moderate to high speeds
    d. **Circle, Loop-** A road that runs in a circular direction terminating at or near in proximity to its beginning, and carries low to moderate volumes of traffic at low or moderate speeds.*** *IT IS NOT RECCOMENDED THAT A SUBDIVISION USE A CIRCLE OR LOOP DESIGNATION FOR BEGINNING PHASES WITHOUT COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ALL ADJOINING PHASE AREAS. BECAUSE ADJOINING PHASES MAY NOT BE APPROVED AND A LOOP OR CIRCLE DESIGNATION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE****
    e. **Crescent** - A street which forms a crescent.·
    f. **Court** A local road that is of short length that carries a low volume of traffic at low speeds, with no cross streets and generally terminates in a cul-de-sac.
    g. **Drive, Parkway, Trail-** A meandering collector or arterial that carries low, moderate or high volumes of traffic at low, moderate or high speeds.
    h. **Gate** – A short street that provides an entrance to a subdivision.
    i. **Lane--** A local road that is of short length that carries a low volume of traffic, at low speeds, and generally terminates in a cul-de-sac.
    j. **Road-**Any public or private right-of-way.
    k. **Place, Way** -A local road that is of a short length and carries low volumes of traffic at low speeds.
    l. **Square** - For streets, that form part of a square.
    m. **Terrace, Gardens, Grove, Heights-**for low volume, short length streets.
    n. Qualifying words may be used when a newly created street is in actuality an extension of an existing street which cannot be renumbered or for which no municipal numbers are available, i.e. North, South, East West.