

ORDINANCE NO. 4481

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18.16.070 AND 18.16.080 OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE REGARDING NAMING AND RENAMING OF PRIVATE ROADS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Mendocino County Code section 18.16.070 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18.16.070 - Names of Private Roads.

Any private road, street or way established, or any of the same offered in dedication for public use or any private street or roadway established shall be named in accordance with this Chapter. All streets, roads, and ways shall be known by the same name for the entire length.

The County may require a name for every access that serves at least four (4) dwellings and/or business establishments, except in mobile home parks, shopping centers and apartment type developments.

Private roads shall be named or renamed pursuant to the following procedures:

- (A) The naming or renaming of a private road may be initiated by the County, a public safety agency, or any property owner whose property is served by the road. A "public safety agency" shall include: (1) any fire protection agency or district, or any other kind of special district, established in accordance with State law and authorized to provide fire protection services within the unincorporated area of Mendocino County; (2) the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office; (3) the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; and (4) the California Highway Patrol.
- (B) Property owners seeking to name or rename a private road shall file an application with the Department of Planning and Building Services (the "Department"), which shall include the proposed road name, a map showing location, alignment, access, and parcel numbers, and a petition including the signatures of sixty percent (60%) of the property owners whose property is served by the road.
- (C) Public safety agencies seeking to name or rename a private road shall submit a name change proposal to the Department, which shall include the proposed road name, a map showing location, alignment, access, and parcel numbers.
- (D) Review and Notice of Proposed Naming or Renaming.
 - (1) Address Coordinator Review. Prior to any naming or renaming of a private road, the Address Coordinator shall study the proposed name to assure that the proposed name does not duplicate or sound like any existing road or street name within the various regions of the County. If the road name proposed by a property

owner or public safety agency duplicates or sounds like an existing road or street name, the Address Coordinator shall notify the applicant or submitting agency that the Address Coordinator will recommend rejection of the proposed private road name and may request the submission of alternative road names.

- (2) Notice to Property Owners and Referral to Public Safety Agencies. Following Address Coordinator review, road naming or renaming proposals shall be referred to public safety agencies for review and comment, and property owners whose properties are served by the road shall be notified of the proposal. Referrals and notices shall provide for a thirty (30) day period for written comments or objections to be submitted to the Address Coordinator. Notice to property owners shall be mailed by the Department to all property owners whose properties are served by the road.
- (E) Director Determination and Notice. Following the thirty (30) day comment period, the Director of the Department ("Director") shall consider the comments and objections submitted and shall make a determination on the requested name change. Notice of the Director's determination shall be provided to property owners and public safety agencies as stated in paragraph (D) of this section.
- (F) Appeal. Any property owner or public safety agency may appeal the Director's determination to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal to the Director and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within fifteen (15) days of date of the Director's determination. The Board of Supervisors shall hear the appeal at a public hearing, which shall be noticed for ten (10) days pursuant to the notice procedures as stated in paragraph (D) of this section. The determination of the Board of Supervisors after the hearing shall be final and conclusive.
- (G) Signs. All officially named private roads shall be identified by a posted road sign. Signs shall conform to the location and design requirements as listed in the County of Mendocino Road and Development Standards document, standard numbers RS20 and RS21, or comply with the requirements of the California Department of Forestry and/or Local Fire Agency, where those standards are more restrictive. Creating, installing and maintaining said sign shall be solely the responsibility of the property owners served by the road.

Section 2. Mendocino County Code section 18.16.080 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18.16.080 - Intentionally Omitted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, on this 26th day of January, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the Ordinance passed and adopted and **SO ORDERED**.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

DAN GJERDE, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy