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Road Name Change Application

The following information must be in complete form or the request will not be considered.
There is a \$250 fee for road name changes.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT ROAD NAME: _____

PROPOSED NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

The following items must be considered:

1. The new name cannot duplicate an existing road name within the parish.
2. The new name must be 15 characters or less.
3. All residents will have to complete a change of address package with the Post Office if they get home delivery.
4. The fee must be paid at time of application. The fee is refunded if the request is denied. (\$25 processing fee is deducted)
5. A petition of 75% of the property owners on such road is required, demonstrating a majority agreement on the road. Signatures will be randomly verified. If one signature is discovered to be false, the application will be automatically denied.
6. The Rapides Area Planning Commission will review the application and make a recommendation of approval or disapproval to the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

**THE ATTACHED PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY 75% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.
ALL SIGNATURES MUST HAVE A LOCATION ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.**

Sec. 20-8. Road, street, etc., name changes.

(a) *Procedure, generally.* Changing of the name of a parish road, street, highway or dedicated roadway right-of-way shall be considered by the parish police jury only after review and recommendation of the Rapides Area Planning Commission of the proposed name change and a report concerning the proposed name change is issued in writing by the staff and/or subdivision technical advisory review committee of the Rapides Area Planning Commission and the engineer representing the local government.

(b) *Application fee.* The Rapides Area Planning Commission is authorized to charge a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each road name change application submitted for review.

(c) *Petition.* A petition of seventy-five (75) percent of the property owners on such road shall be required with the proposed road name change application, demonstrating a majority agreement on the road name.

(d) *Variances.* Only two (2) variances to this policy shall be allowed:

- (1) A situation where a road name is a duplicate; or
- (2) A situation of a road name causing a confusing situation, such as being near a duplicate [or similar] name.

(e) *Disposition of revenue.* The revenue derived from the application fee shall be dedicated to the road and bridge fund for the area within which generated.

(Ord. of 1-25-88; Mo. of 10-11-88; Ord. of 5-10-99)

Editor's note—An ordinance of Jan. 25, 1988, amended Ch. 20, Art. 1, by adding thereto a new section. Designation of such section as § 20-8 was at the discretion of the editor. Subsequently, such provisions were redesignated as § 20-8(a), and the substantive provisions of a road name change policy adopted on Oct. 11, 1988 were included herein as § 20-8(b)—(c).

Secs. 20-9—20-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. STREET USE AND OCCUPANCY***Sec. 20-16. Permits authorized.**

When not inconsistent with the purposes of parish roads, highways, streets and alleys, the police jury may issue permits of

***Cross reference**—For listing of currently effective franchises, see Ch. 11.

