

City of Byram Street Naming and Address Assignment Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI:

Purpose

The Street Naming and Address Assignment Ordinance has been adopted for the purpose of providing proper implementation, administration, enforcement, and maintenance of a uniform street naming and addressing ordinance to assist the public, public safety, and emergency services providers in the consistent identification of roadways and property addresses. The Ordinance shall be applicable to all lands within the City of Byram.

This Ordinance has been enacted for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an address system, defining policies and procedures related to the naming of roads, signing of roads, assigning of addresses, location of address signs and house numbers, and ongoing maintenance of the system. The intent of this system is to assign each location a unique address which will aid emergency services personnel in providing law enforcement services, fire protection, emergency medical services, mail delivery and meet other general location needs of the public.

The Naming and Address Assignment Ordinance is to be used to assign permanent addresses to properties in the City of Byram.

Naming of Streets/Roadways

The following standards shall be used in the naming or re-naming of streets within the city limits. Adopting official names will eliminate the ambiguities in the spelling and suffixes of streets. Standard spellings and suffixes are especially important for emergency response vehicles (law enforcement, fire, and medical). Confusion among destinations such as streets, roads, lanes, ways, etc. can create unnecessary and dangerous delays to the citizens of the community.

- a) There shall be no duplication of street names by sound or spelling. The name of any proposed new road or the renaming of an existing road shall not duplicate, or too closely approximate phonetically, the name of any other road or street name. Differentiation shall not be by the addition of suffixes such as road, street, lane, trail, way, etc.
- b) No new street names shall be used which will duplicate or be confused with names of existing streets anywhere, unless a street is a continuation, or in alignment with, an existing or platted street of the same name which shall be connected or has the possibility of being connected in the future.
- c) A street name should be easy to read so that children can use the name in an emergency situation.
- d) Names tending to be offensive (slang, double meaning, etc.) shall be avoided.

- e) Use of frivolous or complicated words or unconventional spellings in road names is discouraged OR not allowed.
- f) Special characters such as hyphens, commas, apostrophes, or dashes are not to be used in street/road names.
- g) The use of standard suffixes or directional suffixes as street names is not allowed (e.g. North Street, Court Street, and Avenue of Pines).
- h) The city shall have the right to refuse use of any street/road name deemed confusing for purposes of emergency response.
- i) Any new street road serving more than three (3) residences and/or parcels of land, whether public or private, or whether reviewed through the City's Planning/Subdivision process, shall be named.
- j) Streets/roads generally a part of or extensions of existing streets/roads shall take the same name as the existing street/road. Example: a private road extending from the end of a dead-end city street will retain the same name as the city street, and a single street making a turn that will not later become an intersection will not change names at the turn.
- k) All streets created by the subdivision process will have proposed road names reviewed and approved by the city prior to submission of the final plat.
- l) Private streets, at the request of the owner(s), may be named and addresses issued by the city. Private streets are subject to the same street name standards as public streets. All private street name signs will be provided and maintained at the owner(s) expense.

Road Signs

Road name signs shall be installed at the intersections of all streets/roads that are used for address assignment within the city. The road name signs shall be installed and maintained as to be clearly visible from the traveled surface of the roadway all hours of the day and night. All road name signs throughout the city shall meet the specifications and requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

- a) All signs, signing, striping, signalization, markers, delineators, signals, and other traffic control devices shall conform to the requirements of the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration;
- b) In new developments, all required street name signs, speed limit signs, stop signs, and other traffic control devices are to be installed to the satisfaction of the city's engineer and paid for by the developer;
- c) Nonstandard signs or other traffic control devices are subject to the control and approval of the city's engineer. Requests to install non-standard signs or other devices must be submitted to the city's engineer along with data required to support the request. (LPLUS, 4.7).

- d) Each intersection sign unit consisting of two or more road name sign plates on a post shall be oriented in the same direction as the respective roads being named. Street signs shall be readable from any direction of travel on particular roadway(s).

Street Numbering

- a) Numbers from west to east will begin at the western most terminus of the street and begin with the 100 block. Approximately every 300 feet will begin a new block and will change 100 series ends, wherever possible, or where a 300 feet interval should end.
- b) Numbers from south to north will begin at the southern most terminus and will be numbered in the same manner as the west to east streets set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days from and after passage.

The foregoing Ordinance, having been reduced to writing, Alderman Alday moved that said Ordinance be adopted. Alderman Marble seconded. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Alday voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Douglas voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Ford voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Marble voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman White voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Mayor Tremonte voted :	_____

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Motion carried and the ordinance approved and adopted.

SO ORDAINED, The foregoing ordinance was approved this the 24th day of May, 2012.

CITY OF BYRAM

BY: Nick Tremonte
Nick Tremonte, Mayor

ATTEST: Angela Richburg
Angela Richburg, City Clerk