



### Road Naming - General Guidelines

Property owners/tenants or entities may wish to designate a new road name or change a road's name in Augusta, GA. Along with meeting the criteria as outlined in City Code Article 2 Section 8-5-17, the Road Naming process involves a petition (signed by at least 66% of all landowners/tenants adjoining the subject road), an application fee and approval from the Augusta Commission. All planned roads and private easements/roads providing access to two or more properties must be named. All road names must conform to the Augusta, GA Road and Addressing Ordinance. Such requests may only be initiated by:

- I. A member of the Augusta Commission (limited to 2 per calendar year); or
- II. An officer or authorized representative of another government agency or department (limited to 2 per calendar year); or
- III. An individual that shall serve as a representative of a group, agency, or business of the properties adjoining the road

The Augusta IT-GIS Division and any Augusta, GA department may request road naming for health, safety and welfare reasons. The most common reason for this is when a duplicate or similarly spelled or pronounced road name is already in use in Richmond County. This can cause serious confusion for 911 call takers and emergency responders when two or more road names exist on opposite sides of town and the person needing help is unable to speak or clarify which location they are at. Such requests are not subject to these guidelines and shall be changed in accordance to Article 2 Section 8-5-22.

### **The following is required for all road name changes:**

- A completed **Request for Road Naming** application, which includes a completed petition of those that agree or disagree with the proposal to be presented before the Augusta Commission. Submission can be made via hand delivery, fax or electronically to the GIS office via email.
- An 8 ½ x 11 map showing the extents of the road name being proposed and the affected properties highlighted.
- Applicant fees:
  - A) A nonrefundable, application fee of \$250 payable at time of submission to the Augusta IT-GIS Division for public notification, research and/or processing. Such fee is waived if initiated by those listed in items I or II above or any Augusta department.
  - B) If IT-GIS must produce the map, the additional fee(s) as outlined in the schedule of fees. Such fee is waived if initiated by those listed in items I or II above, or any Augusta department.
  - C) Administrative fees for sign manufacturing, installation and reassignment of addresses. Fees may be refunded if not approved by the Commission

### Public Hearing and the Augusta Commission

Once the minimal number of adjoining property owners/tenants of the subject road have signed the petition, the internal research and processing may begin. Part of the processing shall involve getting approval from the Augusta departments that are directly related to emergency services; the Richmond County Sheriff's office, the Augusta Fire Department & the Augusta 9-1-1 Emergency Services Department. If any two of these do not approve of the change, the request shall be closed without a public hearing and will not be brought before the Commission. With approvals from the Augusta departments related to emergency services and meeting all other requirements, the road name change will proceed as follows:

- A) If the road name change request has 90% of the property owners/tenants respond to the petition in agreement, there will be no public hearing. The request will be presented to the Commission for consent of approval/disapproval.
- B) If the road name change request has less than 90% but more than the required 66% of property owners/tenants respond to the petition in agreement, a public hearing will be held prior to approval/disapproval by the Commission.

Items presented before the Augusta Commission will either be approved or rejected. Augusta IT-GIS will gather all necessary information for their review.

### Sign Replacement

If the name change request is approved, the Augusta Traffic Engineering Department is notified after the Resolution has been signed by the Mayor and recorded by the City Clerk. The Traffic Engineering Department will begin with replacing the road signs affected by the change. Additional notifications are sent out to all affected property owners, other agencies, Augusta departments advising them of the road name change.

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