

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1993**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR NAMING STREETS;  
FABRICATION, ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET NAME SIGNS  
AND ESTABLISHING A STREET ADDRESS NUMBERING SYSTEM**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that Ordinance No. 2 of 1993 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraphs II.B., III.B, III.C, III.E., IV.A., and IV.B.4. are hereby repealed and rescinded effective the date of this Amendment.
2. The following are hereby adopted as replacements for the paragraphs repealed and rescinded in 1. above:

**II. ADMINISTRATION**

B. The agent shall establish street names as suggested by the Municipality, or Land Developer or land owner, and street or house numbers in accordance with the guidelines established herein. In the event of lack of timely response or cooperation, the agent shall establish the street names.

**III. GUIDELINES FOR NAMING STREETS**

B. Choice of Names. Street or roadway names should be pleasant sounding, appropriate, easy to read and pronounce. The use of similar sounding names shall be avoided. Historical names of roadways should be retained where possible. All street names should tend to promote the heritage, history and traditions of the County and reflect its geography and character. No suffix listed in III. E will be permitted in the street name along with another or same street type. (i.e., Smithlane Road) Also not acceptable is the same name with a different street type. Only one of the two can be used. (i.e., Smith Ln. or Smith Rd.). A street name combination (prefix, primary name and suffix) shall be used only once, and may not be used in any other alignment, within a

municipality or zip code area (e.g., Jones Drive and Jones Circle; or West Jones Street and Jones Street West)

C. Duplication of street names. Duplication of names shall be avoided within a municipality, postal zip code area, and emergency area (ESN). The agent shall keep an updated list of the street names in the county, so that new names will not be duplicated. If an existing street needs to be renamed because of a duplicate name, or because of non-compliance with any other portion of this street naming policy, then the following procedures will be followed:

1. Eliminating Conflicting Street Names. In the case of two or more conflicting street names, the agent shall use the following point system to determine which street name should be changed. The street awarded fewer points should be changed.

Point System For Resolving Street Name Conflicts

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Points</u>
Older recognized name (if known)	1
Greater number of addresses	1
Historical relevance	1
Existing street signs	1
Relatedness of town/subdivision names	1

2. Street Name Change. Municipalities desiring to have an existing street, or private road renamed shall submit the proposed street name change to the agent. The agent shall review the proposed name for compliance with this street naming ordinance. Should the need arise a petition process can be used to resolve any controversy in choosing a street name.

3. Notification of Conflict or Change. The agent will notify the municipality(ies) of a street name conflict. The municipality(ies) should supply the agent with a list of names for approval or disapproval. The agent will also provide an evaluation based on the point system listed above. Based on this evaluation, the agent shall recommend which street name should be changed, and shall advise the affected municipality, USPS, and emergency services of the street name change once it has occurred.

4. Effective Date of Change. Any street name change shall become effective following expiration of a twenty-one (21) day period commencing from the date said change was authorized by the municipality, or earlier at the discretion of the municipality.

III. E. Generic Classes of Roads for Street Name Suffixes. The following generic street suffixes and abbreviations are noted for providing a basic guide for name designation and is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Street designator abbreviations as listed below shall conform with standards and guidelines established by the U.S. Postal System and GTE to facilitate standardization of addressing.

Alley	- ALY
Avenue	- AVE
Boulevard	- BLVD
Bypass	- BYP
Circle	- CIR
Court	- CT
Drive	- DR
Flats	- FLT
Grove	- GRV
Heights	- HTS
Highway	- HWY
Hill	- HL
Lane	- LN
Loop	- LOOP
Manor	- MNR
Park	- PARK
Parkway	- PKY
Pass	- PASS
Path	- PATH
Pike	- PIKE
Place	- PL
Road	- RD
Run	- RUN
Street	- ST
Terrace	- TER
Trail	- TRAIL
Way	- WAY

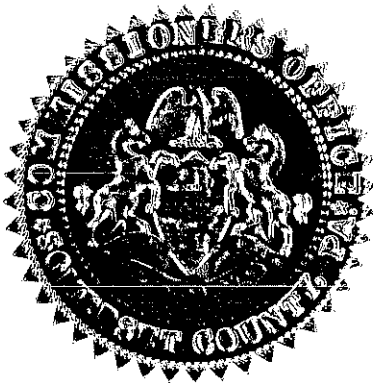
Other suffixes not listed above may be considered or variations from the above may be allowed at the discretion of the agent providing they meet USPS Guidelines.

IV. A. Assignment of Addresses. All new street addresses shall be assigned by the agent or the agent's designee. New addresses shall be assigned by the agent after final subdivision plan approval is granted. The agent shall then notify the property owner, developer or subdivider of the addresses as assigned. No residential, commercial or industrial subdivision or land development shall be recorded until it has been assigned a street name approved by the agent. Rear street addressing will not be accepted.

B. 4 City Block Numbering. In cases where city block numbering systems exist, and such street system is developed and expanded, the new house numbering system shall replicate said block numbering system as close and as efficiently as possible so as not to duplicate house numbers along an extended street or roadway bearing a common street name. Boroughs lend themselves to such block numbering, in order to promote ease of location. Either central point and radiate out (i.e., Somerset) or One Directional (i.e., Windber) are acceptable block numbering systems.

3. All other paragraphs of Ordinance No. 2 of 1993 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of April, 1996.



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