

STREET NAMING POLICY:

1. There shall be no duplicate or similar/sound alike (homonyms) nor closely resemble any existing street names; extensions such as Road, Street, Boulevard, Avenue, Alley, Lane, Court shall not constitute a difference in naming and must not contain any punctuations or symbols:

Example of extensions:

Smith Street – Smith Blvd. – Smith Ave. – Smith Lane

Example of similar name:

Smyth Street – Smyth Blvd. – Smyth Ave. – Smyth Lane

Example of sound alike:

Beach Avenue- **Beech Ave** – Peach Avenue – Linwood Drive – Lynnwood Drive
Apple Hill Road – Apple Road

Exception: If proposed streets are an extension of an existing street.

2. Cumbersome, corrupted or modified names, discriminatory or derogatory names, from the point of view of race, sex, colour, creed, political affiliation or other social factors shall be avoided.
3. Reuse of former street names should be discouraged because of the confusion this causes in property records.
4. Names of Living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances
5. Only a persons last name should be used as a street name **or subdivision name** unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with an existing street name **or subdivision name** in Kent County and surrounding municipalities.
6. Qualifying words may be used when a newly created street is in actuality an extension of an existing street which cannot be or for which no numbers are available. North, South, East and Upper or Lower are appropriate qualifying words: (i.e. East Beach Avenue, and must be place first as opposed to last i.e. Beach Avenue East).
7. Name Changing: In the case of a name change, the name change should also include a petition stating the reason for the name change and include the names and addresses and signatures of the persons who reside on or own property that fronts on or is adjacent to subject street or road.
NUMBER 7 IS COVERED UNDER CHAPTER 179 PAGE 17901 “ROAD NAMING” IN THE KENT COUNTY CODE BOOK.
8. Pronunciation – The proposed street name must not be difficult to pronounce or be a name that can be pronounced in a number of different ways.
9. Spelling: The proposed street name must not be a name difficult to spell or be a name that can be spelled a number of different ways; (i.e. Fore Street, For Street, Four Street, 4 Street)

10. Directions can not be part of any street or road name (for example, Westover Road or Fossil Creek Drive North are not acceptable). North, South, East and West are intended to be directional features of the addressing system and lead to confusing addresses if included as part of the name. Directions must be placed ahead of the name (for example, East Smith Street).
11. Street and road names can not change at intersections. Continuations of existing streets or roads must use the existing name.
12. Road name suffixes must meet United States Postal Service standards as described in USPS Publication 28 Appendix C, Street Abbreviations, Subsection C1 Street Suffix Abbreviations.
13. All addresses will be assigned by Kent County's 911 Addressing Division. Lots in new developments will be assigned addresses by the same aforesaid Division.

SUBDIVISION NAMING POLICY:

1. There shall be no duplicate or similar/sound alike (homonyms) nor closely resemble any existing subdivision or site or place name.

Example:

Eagle Meadows – Eagle Nest – Eagle Landing – Eagle Pointe

Sound Alike Examples:

Beagle Meadows – Eagle Meadows

Eagle Landing – Beagle Landing - Linwood Village – Lynnwood Village

Exception: If proposed subdivision is adjacent to and an expansion of an existing subdivision.

2. Cumbersome, corrupted or modified names, discriminatory or derogatory names, from the point of view of race, sex, colour, creed, political affiliation or other social factors shall be avoided.

3. Names for subdivisions that could be construed as advertising a particular business shall be avoided.

4. Reuse of former subdivision names should be discouraged because of the confusion this causes in property records.

5. Names of Living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances

6. Only a persons last name should be used as a subdivision name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with an existing subdivision name in Kent County and surrounding municipalities.

7. Qualifying words may be used when a newly created street is in actuality an expansion of an existing subdivision. North, South, East and Upper or Lower are appropriate qualifying words: (i.e. Doe Run East).

8. Name Changing: In the case of a name change, the name change should also include a petition stating the reason for the name change and include the names and addresses and signatures of the persons who reside on or own property within said subdivision.

9. Pronunciation – The proposed subdivision name must not be difficult to pronounce or be a name that can be pronounced in a number of different ways.

10. Spelling: The proposed subdivision name must not be a name difficult to spell or be a name that can be spelled a number of different ways; (i.e. Mary Estates, Merry Estates)