

POLICY FOR NAMING STREETS City of Marshalltown

PURPOSE

A uniform street name and numbering policy is needed for a city to provide a safe, convenient way for its residents, businesses, and visitors to easily find their destinations.

EXISTING SYSTEM

Marshalltown chose a system when it began platting the city that chose the intersection of Center St. and Main St. as the focal point around which the street names and numbering system revolves. All north-south streets west of Center St. are numbered "streets". All north-south streets east of Center St. are numbered "avenues". All streets and avenues north of Main St. are designated "north" and all those north-south streets and avenues south of Main St. are designated "south". All east-west streets, both north and south of Main St. are named streets with those east of Center St. designated "east" and those west of Center St. are designated "west".

ESTABLISHING STREET NAMES

New street names are required when new subdivisions are platted, when new streets are constructed, or when annexation requires name changes to conform with the City's street numbering system.

Extension of Existing streets

When existing streets are extended, existing street names shall be used.

New Subdivisions

When new subdivisions are platted, the subdivider may propose street names which conform to the guidelines set out in the Name Assignment Guidelines section of this policy.

Annexation

New street names may be required when areas are annexed into the city to prevent duplication between city and county addressing and to provide accurate and fast 911 response. New names shall conform to the guidelines set out in the Name Assignment Guidelines section of this policy.

NAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

North-south streets will be numbered streets to fit the existing grid system. Short north-south cul-de-sac streets may be named streets if it will provide less confusion in addressing.

East-west streets will be named existing street names where they fit the existing grid system.

New street names should be distinctive names not previously used within the county.

Street names using identical names with different suffixes or prefixes should be avoided (ie. Smith Ave., Smith St., Smith Blvd., etc.).

CHANGING STREET NAMES

In instances where street names need to be changed, street names should be assigned which fit into the existing grid if possible. Where changes are needed that will not fit into the existing grid name scheme, the City Council will assign names based on the input from the property owners affected. Where there is a lack of input, a name will be chosen from a pool of names maintained for such purposes. In all instances the name shall meet the guidelines set forth herein.

APPROVAL

The City Engineer will be the liaison between subdividers and others wishing to create or change street names. The City Council will have the final approval of such street name changes by resolution of the Council.

IMPLEMENTATION

Once a new street name is approved by the City Council, the City Engineer will notify the appropriate utilities, County offices, and property owners of such changes.