



# STANDARDS FOR STREET NAME

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## Consideration of New or Proposed Road Names

The Planning & Code Enforcement Department, 911, and Public Works review all proposed street name(s) for compliance with Oconee County standards.

### A) Selection Standards

The naming of roads, particularly in new subdivisions, shall be reviewed and approved by the Oconee County Planning & Code Enforcement Department, 911, and the Oconee County Public Works Department per the items outlined below. Person submitting road names that are rejected shall be notified so that changes may be made prior to the plan review process.

The following standards will be used in consideration of new or and/or proposed road names. All current roads that would otherwise not meet these standards will be granted exceptions and maintain those names until changes, if considered, can be made to conform. The standards used are as follows:

- 1) Names of roads or proposed changes must not duplicate, in wording, in sound or pronunciation, of an existing road within Oconee County regardless of distance between occurrences or in address ranges/block numbers. For communities that cross county boundaries the road names should not duplicate any other road name within the incorporated boundaries of that municipality or the same zip code community name even if it crosses into another adjoining county.
- 2) Proposed streets obviously in alignment with existing streets or with proposed streets whose names have been approved by the County shall bear the names of the existing or proposed named streets
- 3) Road names may not contain abbreviations of words, names or initials
- 4) Names of individuals will only be permitted for honorary purposes unless the individual holds a state, national or local significance
- 5) Single alphabetical characters are prohibited
- 6) Road names must be easy to pronounce and easily recognizable in emergency situations
- 7) Names that may be offensive (slang, words with double-meanings) will not be allowed
- 8) Road names will be continuous throughout its entire length, when feasible
- 9) Names which have homonyms (i.e., other words pronounced similarly but spelled differently) should not be used on any street and certainly not on multiple streets even if the street type is different (e.g., Steven Lane/Stephen Lane; Disk Drive/Disc Lane).

### B) Prefixes and Suffixes

Directional prefixes and suffixes will be used only when necessary. If used, cardinal (North, South, East & West) directions will only be used as prefixes and ordinal (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest & Southeast) directions will only be used as suffixes, in accordance to established baselines. The use of both a prefix and a suffix for addresses and road names will not be permitted

**C) Road Types**

Each approved road name will be required to have a road type. There shall only be one road type per road name. Road types permitted for use in Oconee County will be in compliance the standards of the USPS. (See USPS Publication 28) Both the Oconee County Planning & Code Enforcement Department and the Oconee County Public Works Department have the authority to determine which road type(s) shall be suitable for the new or proposed name. If the requested type is deemed inappropriate by either the Oconee County Planning & Code Enforcement Department or the Oconee County Public Works Department, a new one must be chosen.



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# STREET NAME APPLICATION FORM

Proposed Name of road(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Beginning at (cross street): \_\_\_\_\_

Ending at (cross street): \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for road(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is this street in a subdivision? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, subdivision name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a minor subdivision? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, there will be a \$100.00 fee due upon submittal)

\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Approved road name(s) are only valid for two years. After two years, if the road(s) have not been built, the applicant must apply for an extension from the Oconee County Planning & Code Enforcement Department.

Once this application is received, Oconee County Planning & Code Enforcement, 911, and Public Works will review the proposed name for approval.

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00 for Minor Subdivisions Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Staff Signature

Date



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## SUBDIVISION NAME APPLICATION FORM

Proposed Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please do not use the word "Subdivision" as part of the name.*

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Subdivision: Parcel(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Developer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Office use only*

The Subdivision name is:

Approved as Submitted

Not Approved for the following reason(s):

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Authorized Staff Signature

Date