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Ms. Evelyn Chanti
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Augusta Richmond County
Information Technology Department
535 Telfair Street, Building 2000
Augusta, GA 30901

Re: Road Naming Request
Walden Drive (3000 Block)

Dear Ms. Chanti:

As we discussed, I represent The Patch Project, LLC. Enclosed please find a Road Naming Request to rename Walden Drive (3000 Block) to Jim Dent Way. This application includes an executed petition on page 3 and the required map. Also enclosed is a receipt from the Augusta Richmond County Finance Department reflecting payment of the \$250 filing fee.

We appreciate your consideration of this application petition. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rand Hanna". Below the signature, the name "Rand Hanna" is printed in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Enclosures
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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 with 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 who agree or disagree with the proposal to be presented before the Augusta Commission. Submission can be made via hand delivery or electronically to the GIS office via email.
- An 8 1/2 x 11 map showing the extent of the road name being proposed and the affected properties highlighted.
- Applicant fees:
 - A) A nonrefundable, application fee of \$250 payable at the 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, and Augusta departments advising them of the road name change.



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8-5-17 Consideration of New or Proposed Road Names

The naming of roads, particularly in new subdivisions, shall be reviewed and approved by IT-GIS per the Site Plan Regulations and Land Subdivision Regulations. Persons submitting road names that are rejected shall be notified so that changes may be made prior to the plan review process.

A) Selection Standards

The following standards will be used in consideration of new 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 to this Ordinance. In addition to those outlined in the GISOP, the standards used are as follows:

- 1) Names must not duplicate, in wording, sound, or pronunciation of an existing road within Augusta Richmond County regardless of distance between occurrences or in address ranges/block numbers.
- 2) Roads must be easy to pronounce and easily recognizable in emergency situations
- 3) Names may not contain abbreviations, proper names or initials
- 4) Numerical references are prohibited, such as Fifth and Ten, that do not already exist
- 5) Names of individuals will only be permitted for honorary purposes unless the individual holds a state or national significance
- 6) Road names should be no less than 3 characters but no more than 18 characters in length; this does not include the road type
- 7) Single alphabetical characters are prohibited
- 8) No new road shall include the words 'old' or 'new' as part of the full name
- 9) Special characters in road names will not be permitted; periods, dashes, apostrophes, hyphens, etc.
- 10) Names that may be offensive (slang, words with double-meanings) will not be allowed
- 11) In two word road names beginning with a single word that can be abbreviated such as 'Mount' or 'Saint', the word shall always be spelled out followed by the remainder of the road name.
- 12) Use of numerical road names in combination with a standard name will not be permitted
- 13) Directional prefixes and suffixes will only be used when necessary. If used, cardinal (North, South, East & West) directions will only be used as prefixes to indicate where the road falls in accordance to established Augusta baselines.
- 14) Directions as a single word or combined with another word will not be permitted (i.e. South Rd or Southlake Dr)
- 15) Only recognized road types will be permitted for use in Augusta GA - See Guidelines
➤ (<https://www.augustaga.gov/1951/Road-Types>)
- 16) Names should be continuous throughout its entire length when feasible, including through intersections



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We, the undersigned property owner(s)/tenants of Augusta-Richmond County, GA hereby petition the Augusta Commission to name or change the name of the road currently known as Walden Drive (3000 Block), being in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia be renamed to Jim Dent Way, and that said naming be considered for approval. We understand that this petition would allow for the installation of road signs for the identification of the road for the purpose of emergency vehicle response and postal delivery. We understand that this petition, if approved, does not obligate Augusta, GA in any way towards the maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the road and does not imply the future acquisition of the road in question for public use or ownership.

Furthermore, we understand that this petition requires a minimum of 66% of the adjacent property owners/tenants listed below before the request can be considered. The road name will be reviewed by the IT-GIS Department for conflicts.



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OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Will Road Require Readdressing: Yes No Owners/Tenants Verified: Yes No

Additional Comments

of signs _____ Approval Percentage: _____

Approval Received From: 9-1-1 Sheriff FireRecommendation: Approval Denial

IT-GIS Official _____

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Fees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application:	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative:	
Addresses: _____ @ \$25.00:	\$ _____
Signs: _____ @ _____:	\$ _____
Signs: _____ @ _____:	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Walden Drive (3000 Block)

