

**CITY OF DALTON**  
**ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 22-21**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA, AT CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE V TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF SECTION 98-50 ENTITLED “NAMING BUILDINGS, STREETS, PARKS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER PROPERTY” IN ORDER TO FACILITATE REQUESTS TO NAME OR RENAME CITY OWNED STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS, CRITERIA, APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NAMING OR RENAMING CITY OWNED STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, PARKS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton desire to establish guidelines for naming or renaming City owned streets, sidewalks, buildings, facilities, parks, bridges and other public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton desire to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dalton, Georgia by adding a Section 98-50 entitled “Naming Buildings, Streets, Parks, Bridges, and Other Public Property” Chapter 98, Article II.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, meeting in formal session, that the Code of Ordinances, City of Dalton, Georgia is hereby amended by adding Section 98-50 to Chapter 98 Article II as follows:

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Chapter98 -STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES  
Article II -Street Addressing

Sec. 98-50, Street and/or City facilities name changes

- a) Recognition of public interest: The City recognizes that, from time to time a certain individual or organization may make historical, cultural or other important contributions to the City, the State of Georgia or the United States that merit recognition by renaming a City street and/or other City facilities, in their honor, The City also recognizes that certain streets and/or City facilities have already been named in honor of other important contributions to the City, the State of Georgia or the United States. This section prescribes the procedure by which existing City streets and/or City facilities may be named in honor of individuals and organizations, while preserving the integrity of those streets and City facilities that have already been historically connected or dedicated with the name of an individual or organization.
- b) Purpose: To establish a systemic and consistent approach for the official renaming of City streets and/or City facilities.
- c) Definition: City facilities – all property assets under municipal ownership and/or control or to be deeded to the municipality, including but not limited to streets, bridges, buildings, structures, open spaces, public parks, trails, natural areas, wetlands, environmental habitat, and land.

- d) Criteria: The City will rename streets and/or City facilities through an adopted process utilizing criteria emphasizing community value and character, local history, geography, environmental, as well as civics and service to the community. Names proposed should fall within one of the following categories: Local History/ Context Name, Historic/Natural Resource, or Commemorative Name. The following criteria shall be used in determining the appropriateness of the naming designation:

1. Local History/Context Name: Use historic references, with submittal of a one-page documentation of local history or contextual references taken from print and/or other factual documentation.
2. Natural/Historic Resource:
  - i. Use geographic location of the facility
  - ii. Use outstanding natural features in immediate proximity of the facility (i.e. hill, stream, lake, notable tree, street, community or neighborhood)
  - iii. Use site, structure, and/or place of historic or cultural significance on or in immediate proximity of the facility
  - iv. Avoid use of names having intended spelling errors, creating a false sense of history (e.g. Towne, Olde), or reflecting natural features not extant (e.g. Mountain Peak Road)
3. Commemorative Name:
  - i. An individual\*, family, and/or group of historical or cultural significance, with submittal of a one-page biographical sketch providing documentation of direct civic contributions to the facility, or the City overall.

\* Individual of Historic or Cultural significance – minimum qualifications: a) native to or clearly identified with the City of Dalton, Georgia, b) made exceptional service contribution to the community in his/her field of endeavor, and c) an inspiration to others to make use of their talents, d) Must be deceased.

- ii. An individual, family, and/or group (or designated honoree) having made a substantial financial contribution of land and/or donation to the City facility or City, itself, with submittal of a one-page biographical sketch providing documentation of the direct contribution toward the acquisition or development of the specific facility or street (does not have to be deceased).

- e) Application procedure:

1. A request for renaming of a City Street and/or City facility shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk.
2. Those submitting a naming request should show how the proposed name is consistent with the criteria stated in this Ordinance.
3. The application must contain a detailed cost estimate for the implantation of any street renaming, including all costs associated with producing and installing appropriate signage to effectuate City street and/or City facility renaming.  
A \$300.00 non-refundable administrative fee to cover other associated costs concerning the City's consideration of the application for the street and/or City Facility renaming, including advertising the proposed street and/or City facility renaming, must also accompany the application.

4. Because street renaming often imposes a significant hardship on residences and businesses located on the street due to the fact that maps, banking information, driver's license information, billing information, websites, advertising information, letterheads and other stationary or residential/business materials, and other information relative to the affected residences or businesses will need to be changed as a result of a street renaming, the application must be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses and signatures of 100 percent of the residents residing or businesses located on the street to which the street renaming applies in favor of the street renaming and whose address will change as a result of the street renaming.
- f) Consideration of application; effectuating the street and/or City facility renaming:
  1. The City staff will review the proposal for adherence to the stated criteria and authentication of the statements relative to contributions in the case of an individual before forwarding to the Mayor and Council. If the request is incomplete, staff will contact the applicant, in writing, and provide them with the opportunity to resubmit a revised request.
  2. The Mayor and Council will offer the opportunity for public input on the proposed renaming.
  3. Each application must meet the criteria in this Ordinance but meeting all criteria does not ensure renaming.
  4. The Mayor and Council shall make the final decision by enactment of a Resolution.
  5. If the street and/or City facility renaming is accepted by the City and adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, in accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances, then the applicant will be further required to submit payment to the City in the amount of the cost of installation of signage and/or other amenities associated with the street and/or City facility renaming. Funds received will be deposited into the general fund of the City.
  6. Costs to implement a street and/or City facility renaming must be paid to the City within thirty (30) days of the applicant's receipt of notice from the City that the application has been accepted by the City and further setting forth the cost of the street renaming or dedication to be remitted to the City.
  7. Upon the adoption of the renaming and the payments of said costs, renaming of the street and/or City facility is to be completed within a six (6) month time period.
  8. Notice of the renaming must be provided to all property owners located on the street, U.S. Postal Service, and other entities as appropriate.

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The Mayor and Council intend that Code Sections 98-41 through 98-49 remain in full force and effect. City "staff" shall mean the Chief of the Fire Department or his designee.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Dalton, Georgia and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the passage and adoption by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Dalton.

The foregoing Ordinance received its first reading on \_\_\_\_\_. A motion for passage of the Ordinance was made by Council person \_\_\_\_\_, second by Council person \_\_\_\_\_ and upon the question the vote is \_\_\_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_\_\_ nays and the Ordinance is adopted.

Attest:

CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR