



Office of the President
Tarleton State University

April 30, 2024

Mayor Doug Svien
Stephenville City Council
200 South Belknap Street
Stephenville, Texas 76401

Subject: Request to Rename Harbin Drive to University Drive

Dear Mayor Svien and Members of the City Council,

In conjunction with our 125th anniversary and as completion of the street expansion and beautification draws near, Tarleton State University would like to propose changing the name of Harbin Drive to University Drive.

Renaming the street to University Drive will better reflect the university's presence and enhance the area's overall identity. We believe the change will reflect the area's revitalization as a main thoroughfare for our athletic venues and future hotel, and improve clarity and navigation for visitors to Stephenville and the university from both the south and north loop.

As we've discussed, we're sensitive to the need to honor the important legacy of the Harbin family with signage, and fully support that effort.

Our joint investment in renovating the street to accommodate increased traffic and upgrade sidewalks symbolizes our continued partnership to grow together. I believe that this renaming will be a positive change for both the city and the university.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Hurley
President