

RESOLUTION 32 for 2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A POLICY
FOR NAMING PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES OR FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sweet Home recognizes the need to establish a policy for naming parks, buildings and other city owned properties or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that there are City-owned properties and facilities which already have names commonly known throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a procedure for recognizing and honoring persons by naming publically owned facilities after them; and

**NOW THEREFORE, THE SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City of Sweet Home adopts the following Public Facility Naming Policy:

- I. PURPOSE: To establish a uniform policy which will provide direction regarding naming or renaming city owned land, facilities, parks, and buildings, which are compatible with the community interest and which will enhance the values and heritage of the City of Sweet Home.
- II. GENERAL:
 - a. This policy establishes the guidelines, criteria and process for naming or renaming of city-owned property.
 - b. The City Council shall have the final authority to name and rename any or all City-owned property or portion thereof. This shall include the authority to revoke the name of a City-owned property. Names which would be detrimental to the mission or image of the City of Sweet Home will not be used to identify City-owned property.
 - c. The donation of land, facilities, or funds for the acquisition, renovation or maintenance of City-owned property shall not constitute an obligation or establish a right to name any land or facilities granted to the City.

- d. It is the intent of the City Council to keep the name of any existing park, City-owned facility or other City-owned property unless there are compelling reasons to consider a name change.
- e. Official street names and addresses shall be established by the City of Sweet Home in accordance with the policies and procedures already outlined in City policy and Ordinance; the naming of streets and creation of addresses do not fall under this policy.
- f. All costs including staff time, labor and materials associated with the installation of plaques, monuments, and signs will be borne by the individual, group or organization sponsoring the request.

III. NAMING CRITERIA:

- a. The size, wording and materials of any memorial or sign associated with the name of a City-owned property shall be reviewed by City staff for compliance with the City's Sign Code. Content of such shall be reviewed by staff and approved by the City Council prior to production.
- b. Whenever possible, naming shall begin early in the development and/or acquisition of City-owned property.
- c. Names shall be appropriate to the park, building or other City-owned facility and are encouraged to reflect the following:
 - i. history, flora, fauna, geographic area, or natural geologic features related to the City of Sweet Home;
 - ii. significant historical events, cultural attributes, local landmarks, or a historical figure; or
 - iii. City's ethnic and cultural diversity.
- d. Signs shall be written using the English alphabet.
- e. The City Council may consider the following when making a determination regarding names which honor individuals or families:
 - i. Have they made a lasting and significant contribution to the protection of natural, cultural, or historic resources of the City of Sweet Home; or
 - ii. Have they made significant contribution to the betterment of a specific City-owned property; or
 - iii. Have they made a substantial contribution to the advancement of recreational opportunities within the City of Sweet Home; or

- iv. Are they associated with an economic development or redevelopment activity the City is undertaking; or
 - v. Have they had a positive impact on the lives of Sweet Home residents; or
 - vi. Have they volunteered or worked for the city for ten (10) years or more; or
 - vii. Have they distinguished themselves through military service; or
 - viii. Are they a current or past resident of Sweet Home who has distinguished themselves?
- f. The City Council may name city-owned property after an individual who has served as a city official or was an employee of the City of Sweet Home provided that:
- i. They no longer work for the city; and,
 - ii. They made a contribution over and above the normal duties required by their position; or
 - iii. They had a positive impact on the past and future development of programs, projects or facilities within the City of Sweet Home; or
 - iv. They have made significant volunteer contributions to the community outside the scope of their job; or
 - v. They have had exceptionally long tenure with the City of Sweet Home (at least ten (10) years); or
 - vi. There is significant public support for a memorial to the city official or city employee on the occasion of their death or retirement.

IV. PROCEDURE:

- a. A request to name or rename City-owned property shall be made on an application specifically designed for this purpose (Exhibit A).
- b. Fees associated with administrative and hard costs may be assessed and are the responsibility of the applicant. The administrative and processing fees shall be established by the Sweet Home City Council and shall be reflected on the City's fee schedule.

The fees shown below are intended as a guideline to the applicant. Fees will be assessed on actual costs and will be due throughout the process at the time when expenditures are to be made or prior to staff review. An

applicant may choose to submit fees in a lump sum at the beginning of the process; any unused fees will be returned at the completion of the project.

The City Council has to right to adjust fees at their discretion upon application and consideration at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Action	Fee
Notification of Public Hearing - legal notice includes staff time to process	\$ 400
Packaging, Mailing & Posting	\$ Actual Cost
Cost of Dedication Ceremony	\$ Actual Cost

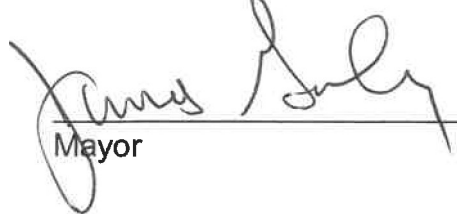
- c. The applicant shall supply clear evidence that the proposed name meets the naming requirements outlined in this policy (See Naming Criteria).
- d. The application will be reviewed by the Sweet Home City Council at a regular City Council meeting. All requests will be given the same consideration without regard to the source of the nomination. Upon a motion by the Council, the application may be sent to committee for further review.
- e. The City Council may return the application to the applicant for further clarification if they so desire.
- f. After City Council review of the application a notice of intent to name a City-owned property shall be posted in public places and published at least once in the City's paper of record for a thirty (30) day review process prior to City Council decision.
- g. After the thirty (30) day review period is completed a public hearing shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the City Council.
- h. City Council will make a decision regarding the proposed name at the same City Council meeting.

If the City Council rejects an application the applicant must wait a minimum of six (6) months before resubmitting the name for consideration.

Section 2. This policy shall take effect on the date of its adoption by the Sweet Home City Council.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2016, by the City Council of the City of Sweet Home.

APPROVED BY:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager-Ex-Officio Recorder