

Street Naming Policy for Private Residential Roads

1. The following street naming policy for the naming of private residential roads shall be applicable:
 - (a) It is a policy of the City to name roads that are privately owned and maintained subject to certain criteria as outlined in this policy;
 - (b) For the purposes of this policy, “private road” means any road, laneway, other means of vehicular access to, or egress from, any land, building or structure, exclusive of a driveway. Without limitation, a private roadway may include part of a parking lot;
 - (c) A street name shall be assigned to all new private roads;
 - (d) Private roads shall be named using names from the City of Oshawa Street Name Reserve List.
 - (e) The street names on the City’s Street Name Reserve List honouring the City’s war dead and war veterans under the City’s Street Naming Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War Veterans shall not be used for the naming of private roads;
 - (f) Names of private roads shall be differentiated from public roads through the use of the suffix “Path”;
 - (g) Street signs for private roads shall be green with white text in order to differentiate them from the City’s standard blue street signs with white text. Private road signs shall also include the word “Private” for clarity;
 - (h) This policy is applicable to all new residential developments with a private road that receives approval after July 1, 2017. For the purposes of this policy, approval shall mean the approval of the proposed site plan drawings;
 - (i) The cost for the installation and maintenance of a street name sign for a private road shall be the responsibility of the property owner;
 - (j) This policy shall not apply to any development that has received approval prior to July 1, 2017 unless requested by the property owner. Any costs associated with naming a private road in an existing development shall be the responsibility of the property owner that has made the request including such matters as the cost to install and maintain the sign and any costs to residents affected by the proposal;
 - (k) Private road names and street sign details shall be shown on the plans forming part of any development agreement for a development with a private road. For requests to name a private road in an existing development, the owner shall provide a plan showing the private road and proposed private road name to Planning Services for review and approval; and
 - (l) Private road names shall be included in a by-law passed pursuant to the Municipal Act.

(m)Notwithstanding the City's Notice By-law 147-2007, notices of the City's intention to pass a by-law to name or re-name a private residential road shall be provided to the owner of the property and tenants of the property to which the by-law will apply and be provided on the City's website.

Note: Minor changes to or deviations from this policy and procedure may be made by the Commissioner of Development Services provided the intent of the policy is maintained. Any significant changes must be approved by City Council.