



Planning & Development

Street Name Reservation Application

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INSTRUCTIONS

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING STREET NAMES

City and County staff will determine whether the names submitted in this application are acceptable. Please consider the following guidelines when selecting your possible road names:

- A. An Individual person's name is not allowed
- B. Directionals and numbers are not allowed e.g. *North Star Ln*; *Four Corners Dr*
- C. Punctuation is not allowed e.g. periods, hyphens, apostrophes
- D. All names must have an acceptable type e.g. Road, Lane, Path
- E. Double street types are not allowed: e.g. *Deer Path Lane*
- F. Names must be easy to pronounce and should effect a positive connotation
- G. Names duplicating or sounding similar to existing names will be rejected
- H. Limit entire name to 20 characters in length, due to sign-space limitations

Every road planned must be named. It is often difficult to find non-duplicate street names for use. In order to prevent the selection of duplicate street names, it is highly recommended that the names be checked with the Wake County Street Name Search. This search can be found at <http://services.wakegov.com/realestate/streetnamelookup/>

In addition to the Wake County Street Name Search, the following street type definitions should be used when selecting possible street names to better the chances of submitting an approvable street name:

- A. Bypass, Causeway, Expressway, Highway, Motorway, Parkway, Pike, Throughway, Trafficway, Turnpike: Major highways or arterials through the City, often with limited access and multiple travel lanes in each direction.
- B. Boulevard, Avenue, Street: Major roads within more urbanized areas.
- C. Road: Major Roads in more suburban or rural areas.
- D. Drive, Lane, Path, Trail, Way: Neighborhood roads, more than one segment in length, connected at both ends to another street.
- E. Court, Mews: Cul-de-sacs and other roads with only one end connected to another street and no other intersections with other cross streets along its length. ("Court" should not be used for a street that is expected to be extended and connected with other streets in the future.)
- F. Circle, Crescent, Loop: Short roads that connect at both ends with a segment of the same street.
- G. Arcade, Center, Mall, Plaza, Square: Should be used for commercial streets in shopping centers, office parks, and downtown areas.
- H. Alley: Service road that runs between, and generally parallel to, two streets.

The following is an *EXAMPLE* of how the City of Raleigh Street Name Application should be filled out:

