

ORDINANCE NO. 2131

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTHPORT MUNICIPAL CODE BY
ADDING SECTION REGARDING STREET RENAMING**

WHEREAS, the City should articulate its policy for Renaming of Streets; and

WHEREAS, the attached addition to the Northport Municipal Code will set forth written policies to be followed as to the Renaming of Streets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Division 6 - Procedure to change the name of a city street,
is hereby added to Article II, Chapter 70 in the Northport Municipal Code, as
set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as
if fully set out verbatim.
2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and
publication.

ORDAINED this the 24th day of January, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NORTHPORT



Article II Division 6 Renaming Streets
Section 70-135 Street Renaming Policy
Revised November 11, 2021

(a) Purpose To provide for the honorary naming of streets so that the City may honor individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the Community.

(b) Criteria for Designation Street name designations or renaming of existing streets shall be limited to individuals and organizations that have had a significant cultural, historical, or humanitarian impact on the City of Northport. Proposals to name streets for individuals still living or recently deceased shall be generally disfavored. The requested location for the street designation must have a geographical relationship to the honoree i.e., honoree lived or worked at the location requested.

(c) Process for Designation Once a street has been assigned a name by the City, the street name shall only be changed to an honorary name as follows:

- (1.) Any proposed honorary street name must be accompanied by a petition signed by two-thirds of the residents affect by such street name change. Said petition must release the City's Police and Fire Departments from all liability associated with increased response times from public safety due to the changing of street names.
- (2.) Any proposed honorary street name change must be sponsored by a resident of the street proposed for renaming or by the governing body.
- (3.) Any proposed honorary street name must be submitted by a sponsoring council member to the following departments for staff review: City Engineer, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, and Planning Director.
- (4.) The reports of the aforementioned departments will be compiled by the Planning Director or his or her designee and presented to the Public Safety Committee.
- (5.) The Public Safety Committee will assess the impact of the proposed name change on efficiency in response to emergencies and any other issues generally relating to the safety and welfare of the public. The Public Safety Committee will submit its recommendation to the Council.
- (6.) Following the report of the Public Safety Committee to the Council, the Council shall set the matter for two (2) public hearings and notify all property owners affected by the proposed name change by certified mail. The two (2) public hearings shall be held at regularly scheduled meetings of the Council at least two (2) weeks apart.
- (7.) At the conclusion of the second public hearing on the matter, the Council will by majority vote approve or deny the motion to designate a street with an honorary name.
- (8.) The removal of an honorary street name shall follow the same procedure outlined above for the designation of an honorary street name.



(d) Fee for Designation The applicant shall pay the following fees for honorary street designation: \$100 application fee, certified mailing fees for each property owner/resident affected by name change, public hearing advertisement costs, cost for street sign replacement.