



**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOWLER  
AGENDA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021  
6:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET  
FOWLER, CA 93625**

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**Telephone Number: 978-990-5175  
Meeting ID: 494026#**

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Presentation – (This portion of the meeting reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda. Presentations are limited to five minutes per person and no more than 15 minutes per topic).
4. APPROVE Minutes of the September 2, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

5. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Recommending Approval of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment No 21-02 amending Sections 9-5.202 and 9-5.21.05 of the Fowler Zoning Ordinance to clarify accessory building development standards.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 665, a Resolution recommending approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Amending Section 202, of Article 2, and Section 05, of Article 21, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code to clarify accessory building development standards before the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California.


6. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Text Amendment No. 21-03 to Add Chapter 5 of Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code to establish procedures for naming public facilities.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 666, a Resolution recommending adoption of Text Amendment No. 21-03 to add Chapter 5 of Title 7 to the Fowler Municipal Code to establish procedures for the purpose of naming public facilities before the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California.

7. Commissioner Reports and Comments
8. Adjournment

Next Resolution No.: 667

CERTIFICATION: I, Maria Aguilar, Planning Secretary for the City of Fowler, California, hereby certify that the foregoing agenda was posted for public review on, Monday October 4, 2021.



Maria Aguilar  
Planning Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOWLER**  
**Thursday, September 2, 2021 Meeting**

Chair Mellon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Commissioners Present: Chair Mellon, Vice Chair Kandarian, Hammer, Prado

Commissioners Absent: Rodriguez

City Staff Present: Community Development Director Gaffery, City Attorney Carlson, City Planner Marple, Planning Secretary Zavala, and Administrative Assistant Aguilar

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**APPROVE Minutes of the August 5, 2021 Meeting**

Vice Chair Kandarian made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Prado seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mellon, Kandarian, Hammer, Prado.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Items Pertaining to Zoning (Prezoning) Ordinance Amendment No. 19-03, and Annexation Request No. 19-03, filed by Fowler Unified School District for property located on the west side of South Armstrong Avenue between East Adams and East Clayton Avenues.**

Ms. Marple presented the item. Fowler Unified School District is planning an expansion of the existing Marshall Elementary School which requires an annexation of land into the City of Fowler. City staff also recommended including a 0.33-acre parcel, containing a single-family residence, in the annexation to prevent creation of a “county island”. Staff recommended approval of the proposed project.

Commissioners asked questions and Ms. Marple clarified the annexation would also allow for connection to city services including water and sewer. Commissioners raised concerns regarding the location of entrance adjacent to the residence. Ms. Marple also clarified that the annexation would not interfere with the property lines of the current residence.

The public was invited to comment on the issue. The adjacent property owner, Mr. Frank Rangel, was present and stated that he had no objection to the annexation. He raised concerns about his property taxes, and issues with traffic and damage to his property during pick-up and drop-off at Marshall School. Ms. Marple stated she would have city

engineer update the commission when the city receives traffic design plans from Fowler Unified.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 663, a Resolution adopting an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Zoning (Prezoning) Ordinance Amendment No. 19-03 and Annexation Request No. 19-03., Commissioner Kandarian seconded the motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Ayes: Mellon, Kandarian, Hammer, Prado.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 664, a Resolution recommending approval to the City Council of Zoning (Prezoning) Ordinance Amendment No. 19-03. Commissioner Kandarian seconded the motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Ayes: Mellon, Kandarian, Hammer, Prado.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 6**

##### **Commissioner Reports and Comments**

Commissioners did not ask questions of staff. City Attorney Carlson shared an announcement that the Governor's Executive Order N25-20 is set to expire at the end of the month. Commissioners should plan to attend future meetings in person unless the law is changed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM No. 7**

##### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Prado made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kandarian seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote and meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.



## FOWLER PLANNING COMMISSION

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ITEM NO: 5

### REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

October 7, 2021

**FROM:** Dawn E. Marple, City Planner

### **SUBJECT**

Consider Recommending Approval of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-02 amending Sections 9-5.202 and 9-5.21.05 of the Fowler Zoning Ordinance to clarify accessory building development standards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend the City approve an Ordinance amending Sections 905.202 – Definitions, and 9-5.21.05 – Accessory Buildings, of the Fowler Zoning Ordinance to clarify accessory building development standards.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Fowler Zoning Ordinance treats accessory buildings like main buildings when they are connected by an adjoining wall or connecting roof. In these instances, accessory buildings can be developed, without discretionary review, in accordance with the height and bulk standards typically applicable to the main building. For example, a detached accessory building is currently limited to ten (10) feet, or one (1) story. However, if such a building is connected to the main building by a breezeway or a connected wall, this height limit is increased to 35 feet in Residential Districts.

The proposed text amendment would limit detached accessory buildings in their height, look, and size, with limited exceptions allowed subject to Administrative Approval.

The proposed text amendment would align with the following General Plan policies of Goal 2-5, New development is to reflect high levels of community design and image:

- Policy 1: Ensure that all development is attractive and of high quality design to enhance the image of the city.
- Policy 3: Encourage innovative site planning and housing design for new residential development.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS**

The proposed zoning text amendment has been determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Accessory Structures). None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

### **Attachments:**

- A. Resolution No. 665

RESOLUTION NO. 665  
RESOLUTION BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF FOWLER  
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A ZONING ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT AMENDING SECTION 202, OF ARTICLE 2, AND SECTION 05,  
OF ARTICLE 21, OF CHAPTER 5, OF TITLE 9 OF THE FOWLER MUNICIPAL  
CODE TO CLARIFY ACCESSORY BUILDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, the City Council of the City of Fowler voted to adopt Ordinance Bill No. 2009-01, amending Chapter 5 of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code, which is a comprehensive update to the City's Zoning Ordinance and is referred to as the "Zoning Ordinance"; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-5.21.05 et seq. of the Zoning Ordinance sets standards for specific uses and activities that are permitted or conditionally permitted in some or all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, Fowler Municipal Code Section 9-5.403 authorizes the City Council to initiate an amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Section 9-5.21.05 of the Zoning Ordinance to modify accessory building development standards to protect aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-02 is set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regular meeting on October 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-01, as well as the staff report, categorical exemption, and all evidence presented at the public hearing, including oral and written public testimony on the Project and the Categorical Exemption, and those records and documents related to the Project determined to be necessary to make an informed decision, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, based upon the entire record of proceedings, hereby finds and recommends to the City Council:

1. That Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-02 as shown on Exhibit A should be adopted.
2. That Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-02 is consistent with the Fowler General Plan.
3. That adopting Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 21-02 is in the best interest of the City of Fowler.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Planning Commission

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Planning Commission

I, Maria Aguilar, Secretary of the Planning Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, on the motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_



# Exhibit A

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- \_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER AMENDING SECTION 202, OF ARTICLE 2, AND SECTION 05, OF ARTICLE 21, OF CHAPTER 5, OF TITLE 9 OF THE FOWLER MUNICIPAL CODE, TO CLARIFY ACCESSORY BUILDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 202, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

The definition of "Accessory Building" is amended to read as follows:

"Accessory Building or Structure". A building or structure that is subordinate to, and the use of which is incidental to, that of the main building or use on the same lot.; if an accessory building is attached to the main building by a common wall or connecting roof, such accessory building shall be deemed to be a part of the main building. Structures that are customarily related to a residence include, but are not limited to, garages, greenhouses, gazebos, outdoor fireplaces, patios, playground structures, storage sheds, and workshops. These structures are not counted as or containing a living area.

The definition "Building plate height" is added to read as follows:

Building plate height. The vertical distance measured from the average level of the highest and lowest point of that portion of the lot covered by the building to the plate line of the exterior walls which is the horizontal plane where the exterior walls meet the roof rafters or trusses.

SECTION 2. Section 05, of Article 21, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code is repealed and replaced in its entirety and is amended to read as follows:

9-5.21.05 - Accessory Structures

- A. Accessory structures in Residential Zones shall be incidental to and not alter the residential character of the subject site.
- B. A building permit shall be required for any accessory structure over one-hundred twenty (120) square feet in area.
- C. Accessory structures roof lines or eaves shall not extend into adjacent property.
- D. Attached Structures. Accessory structures constructed less than six (6) feet from the main structure shall:
  - 1. Be compatible with and made structurally a part of the main structure (e.g., share a common wall with the main structure, rely partially on the main structure for structural support, or be attached via a breezeway to the main structure).
  - 2. Comply with the requirements applicable to the main structure, including coverage, height, and setbacks.
  - 3. The roof shall be the same material and pitch as the main structure.
  - 4. Be compatible with the materials, texture, finish and colors of the main structure.

E. Detached Structures. Accessory structures constructed six (6) feet or more from the main structure shall:

1. Not exceed the allowable site coverage for the zone district.
2. Not exceed a building plate height of twelve (12) feet and an overall building height of sixteen (16) feet.
3. Not exceed a maximum of six-hundred (600) square feet.
4. The roof shall be the same material and pitch as the main structure.
5. Be compatible with the materials, texture, finish and colors of the main structure.
6. Not be located any closer to the rear property line than as shown below:

<u>R-1-12</u>	<u>12 feet</u>
<u>R-1-10</u>	<u>10 feet</u>
<u>R-1-8.5</u>	<u>8.5 feet</u>
<u>R-1-7</u>	<u>7 feet</u>
<u>R-1-6</u>	<u>6 feet</u>
<u>R-1-5</u>	<u>5 feet</u>
<u>RM districts</u>	<u>5 feet</u>

F. Outdoor fireplaces, playground structures, and structures determined to be similar by the Director shall:

1. Not be located any closer than four (4) feet from the side property line if located within the rear one-third of a lot.
2. Not be located any closer than four (4) feet from the rear property line.
3. Outdoor fireplaces shall not exceed a total height of six (6) feet.
4. Playground structures shall not exceed a total height of twelve (12) feet.
5. Such structures shall occupy no more than twenty (20) percent of the length of the required rear yard, measured between side lot lines.

G. Exceptions:

1. Subject to an Administrative Approval (Section 9-5.24) accessory buildings or structures may:
  - i. Be allowed to exceed a building plate height of twelve (12) feet, but not exceed the overall building height of the main structure.
  - ii. Be allowed to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet.

SECTION 3. The City Council has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Accessory Structures).

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is further directed to cause this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of Fowler, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption. If a summary of the ordinance is published, then the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting at which the ordinance is adopted and again after the meeting at which the ordinance is adopted. The summary shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and was adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Cardenas, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Vasquez, Deputy City Clerk



## FOWLER PLANNING COMMISSION

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ITEM NO: 6

### REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

October 7, 2021

**FROM:** Dawn E. Marple, City Planner

### SUBJECT

Public Hearing to Consider Text Amendment No. 21-03 to Add Chapter 5 of Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code to establish procedures for naming public facilities.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the City adopt an ordinance to add Chapter 5 to Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code for the purposes of establishing a procedure for the naming of public facilities.

### BACKGROUND

The City of Fowler recognizes that public facilities are an essential and integral part of the community and that the names of such facilities, including the amenities within them, play a significant role in fostering identities in the surrounding communities. Such facilities include parks and other recreational facilities, streets, pump and lift stations, and police and fire stations. As these new facilities are developed, they are given temporary names for purposes of administration and accounting in accordance with the traditional protocol of staff assigning an initial name based on geographic features such as: streets, prominent geographic features, or iterations (e.g. Fire Station #2). Often, as new subdivisions are developed, green space or parks are approved as part of a condition of approval. However, as parks are improved, operated, and maintained, in some cases through financial contributions and support provided by private individuals and organizations, City Staff receive and evaluate proposals for the formal naming or renaming of new or existing parks and other facilities under City jurisdiction. Furthermore, naming opportunities may be requisite to generating financial support through private and public collaborations which can enhance and expand existing services.

The City does not currently have a policy for how new public facilities will be named. City staff have reviewed other jurisdictional naming policies to establish the criteria, guidelines, and procedures for the evaluation and approval or denial of proposals received from private and public entities for the naming of public facilities. The proposed naming policy recommendations are intended to apply to various facilities as determined appropriate by City staff, including but not limited to:

- Parks and park amenities (Sports courts, play areas, etc.)
- Recreational facilities (Buildings, sports fields, pools, etc.)
- Other Park Assets (Trails, bikeways, landmarks and gateways)
- Streets
- Police and Fire Stations

The City is bringing forth this item to the Planning Commission as facilities, such as parks, are proposed and reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Exceptions to the naming policy must have City Council's approval. The proposed text amendment would align with the following General Plan policies of Goal 2-5, New development is to reflect high levels of community design and image:

- Policy 1: Ensure that all development is attractive and of high quality design to enhance the image of the city.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS**

Text Amendment No. 21-03 has been examined pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined to not be a "project" as defined by Public Resource Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. Adoption of the proposed ordinance will not cause a direct or indirect change in the environment.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 666  
RESOLUTION BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF FOWLER  
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 21-03 TO ADD CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 7 OF THE FOWLER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR NAMING PUBLIC FACILITIES

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WHEREAS, the City of Fowler ("City") recognizes that public facilities are an essential and integral part of the community and that the names of such facilities, including the amenities within them, play a significant role in fostering identities in the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, as these new facilities are developed, they are given temporary names for purposes of administration and accounting in accordance with the traditional protocol of staff assigning an initial name based on geographic features such as streets, prominent geographic features, or iterations; and

WHEREAS, as parks are improved, operated, and maintained, in some cases through financial contributions and support provided by private individuals and organizations, City Staff receive and evaluate proposals for the formal naming or renaming of new or existing parks and other facilities under City jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, naming opportunities may be requisite to generating financial support through private and public collaborations which can enhance and expand existing services; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently have a policy for how new public facilities will be named; and

WHEREAS, staff have prepared an ordinance to establish procedures for naming public facilities, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review is not required for the proposed ordinance as it has been determined to not be a "project" as defined by Public Resource Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because adoption of the proposed ordinance will not cause a direct or indirect change in the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, based upon the entire record of proceedings, hereby finds and recommends to the City Council:

1. That Text Amendment No. 21-03 as shown on Exhibit A should be adopted.

2. It is in the best interest of the City of Fowler to adopt Text Amendment No. 21-03.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Planning Commission

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Planning Commission

I, Maria Aguilar, Secretary of the Planning Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fowler, on the motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_



Attachment "A"  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2021-\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER TO ADD  
CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 7 TO THE FOWLER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH  
PROCEDURES FOR NAMING PUBLIC FACILITIES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 of Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

**Chapter 5**

**NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Sections:**

**7-5.01 Authority and Purpose**

This chapter establishes the standards for naming and renaming of public facilities. The Community Development Director has the authority to implement this chapter and to adopt administrative policies for its implementation.

**7.5.02 Definitions**

Department. The City department currently having primary responsibility for facility naming.

Director. The Community Development Director, or designee.

Expenses. All staff and consultant costs incurred by the City in reviewing an application, including: studying a proposal, preparing reports for the City Council, and implementing a decision to rename a facility.

Facility. Any building, street, park, or equipment owned by the City.

Minor Change. A request to change the suffix of a street, the name of a private street, or correction of a street name to meet commonly accepted spelling.

**7.5.03 General Procedures**

- (a) General Standards for Special Names.
  - (1) Naming facilities after individuals shall be limited to those who have made exceptional contributions to the facility or community within which the facility is located.

- (2) Naming facilities after a major historic event must be based on a direct connection between the facility and the event.
  - (3) The naming shall engender a positive public image which does not unduly commercialize the facility.
- (b) New Facilities.
- (1) The naming of facilities proposed to be dedicated to the City shall be determined by staff in accordance with this Chapter.
  - (2) Decision. At a public meeting, the City Council will consider the proposed facility name. The City Council may approve the facility name, by resolution, if it finds that the proposed facility name is in the public interest.
- (c) Existing Facilities.
- (1) Application. A person or entity requesting a name change must file an application with the Community Development Department, on a form provided by the City. The request must state the reason for the proposed name; the street, park, or public facility proposed for consideration of a name change; the proposed new name(s); and include a map showing the location of the affected facility. A fee established by City Council resolution shall be paid by the applicant.
  - (2) The Director, or designee, will review the request and:
    - (i) Determine on a case-by-case basis the appropriate scope of public outreach, and public notice.
    - (ii) Seek written comments from, at a minimum, the City's Police Department, Fire Department, Finance Department, the County of Fresno, and United States Postal Service.
    - (iii) Prepare a staff report for the Planning Commission and the City Council providing an analysis of the request and including alternatives, if available.
  - (3) The request shall be heard by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall provide a recommendation to the City Council. Upon the recommendation by the Planning Commission, staff shall schedule the request for the City Council's consideration at a public meeting.
  - (4) Decision. At a public meeting, the City Council will consider the proposed facility name. The City Council may approve the name change, by resolution, if it finds that the proposed name is in the public interest. Prior to commencement of renaming activities, the applicant shall enter into a cost recovery agreement with the City and pay a deposit to cover the renaming expenses.
- (d) Exceptions. Exceptions to the naming criteria established under this Chapter 5 shall require the approval of the City Council.

#### 7.5.04 New Streets

- (a) General. For clarity, to accommodate City street sign size, to accommodate Emergency 911 databases and calls, and for safety for police and fire responses:
- (1) A street may have only one official street name.
  - (2) All streets on the same alignment shall bear the same name where practical.
  - (3) Suffix designations shall match the context of land use and street design (see subsection (b) below), and shall be spelled out in full on the final map.
  - (4) A new street may have a prefix compass designation (N, S, E, W) only if the streets cross the east-west axis (Golden State Boulevard) or the north-south axis (Merced Street).
  - (5) Symbols and numeric characters may not be used.
  - (6) Conjunctions may not be used as part of a street name. (Example: "Diamonds and Roses" or "Brick or Tile").
  - (7) Each name shall be of the commonly accepted spelling, according to a standard dictionary.
  - (8) Street segments:
    - (i) Where a through street makes a distinguishable change in direction and cannot be considered curvilinear, a separate name for each direction must be assigned.
    - (ii) Where there is more than one access point from different streets to a circular loop street, only one access point may be designated as circle. It is preferable to separately name each directional segment of a circular or loop road.
    - (iii) No street name may connect into any other street so as to create more than one intersection of the same named street.
  - (9) The following are not permitted:
    - (i) Names of similar pronunciation and/or spelling (Example: Foxglove Avenue and Foxclove Lane, or Briar Lane and Brier Drive).
    - (ii) Duplication of an existing street name or a very similar name, unless the new street is a continuation of the existing street. Street segments are considered continuous only where there is less than a 250 foot centerline alignment offset.
    - (iii) Variation of the same name with a different suffix (Example: Alder Avenue, Alder Lane, Alder Drive). An exception to this is a court located off of the same street (Example: Pine Avenue, Pine Court).
    - (iv) Names that sound similar to nearby communities, unless the extension of an existing street. (Example: Fresno, Selma, Kingsburg, Parlier)

- (b) Street suffix designations. Each new street shall have one of the following acceptable street suffix (or type) designations:

Suffix Designation	Description
Alley	A narrow street for serving rear of lots
Avenue	North—South direction street
Boulevard	North—South direction, an arterial street
Circle	Loop, looping, a circular Street
Court	Cul-de-sac
Drive	A meandering street
Lane	A meandering street
Loop	A circumferential way, a street that returns into itself
Parkway	An arterial street or an expressway
Place	A short connecting street
Plaza	A short street with plaza
Road	An arterial or collector street
Street	East - West direction street
Terrace	Private street in a condominium complex
Trail	A pedestrian or bikeway path
Way	A short connecting street

#### 7-5.05 Existing Streets

- (a) Purpose. This section establishes a process for considering a request to rename a public or private street within the City limits from a member of the public. The City may, in its discretion, change the name of a street by City Council resolution following some public outreach, such as a public hearing or public notice in order to correct a misspelling or clerical oversights.
- (b) Standards. In addition to the standards set forth in Sections 7-5.03 and 7-5.04, the following factors will be considered:
- (1) The number of businesses and/or residents directly affected.
  - (2) The number of businesses and/or residents indirectly affected, including those whose address is on a street accessed or served by the street under consideration.
  - (3) Compatibility with existing street names.
  - (4) The costs of change to the City and the other affected properties.
  - (5) Whether an action to approve the renaming might establish a desirable or undesirable precedent.
  - (6) The effect of a rename request on the public's general connection with existing name.
  - (7) The alternative of renaming sections of the proposed street and how the length of the street sections may affect the continuity of the street.

### **7-5.06 Honorary Street Dedication**

- (a) Purpose. It is hereby found and determined that the creation of an honorary street naming dedication program enables the City to commemorate individuals and events that have made significant contributions to the community and humanity without imposing substantial burdens associated with modification to the official street map of the City. These honorary street names do not replace the official street name or require re-addressing of the street.
- (b) Application and Approval Process. The procedures set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 7-5.03 of this Chapter shall be used for establishing an honorary name. The application submitted shall indicate that the request is to establish an honorary street name and identify the street or portion thereof that shall be so designated.
- (c) Signage. In order to provide for consistency in naming of streets and to promote safety of the community, all honorary street dedication signs must conform to the following criteria:
  - (1) Honorary street dedication signs must be mounted in a way that distinguishes them and does not distract from the primary street sign. These honorary signs may therefore be mounted:
    - (i) Above or below the primary street sign;
    - (ii) In a way that is otherwise clearly distinguishable from the primary street sign.
  - (2) Honorary street dedication signs shall have a distinct design and be in a contrasting color to distinguish them from primary street name signs, as approved by the City. This official design shall be used for all honorary street dedication signs. Honorary street dedication signs must include the word "Honorary."

### **7-5.07 Other Facilities**

- (a) The default name for a Fire Station shall be number-based. For example, the second Fire Station in the City of Fowler shall be named "Fire Station No. 2".
- (b) The default name for a Police Station shall be based on its directional relationship to the police headquarters. For example, a Police Station east of City Hall would be named "East Police Station".
- (c) The default name for a Well, Pump or Lift Station shall be number-based.
- (d) The default name for an alley shall be based on block number and the two streets it is adjacent to. For example, the "200 block 5th / 6th Street Alley."

SECTION 2. The City Council has determined that California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review is not required for this Ordinance as it has been determined to not be a “project” as defined by Public Resource Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because adoption of this Ordinance will not cause a direct or indirect change in the environment.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is further directed to cause this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of Fowler, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption. If a summary of the ordinance is published, then the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting at which the ordinance is adopted and again after the meeting at which the ordinance is adopted. The summary shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and was adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Cardenas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela Vasquez, Deputy City Clerk