

SNC-18-01

Street Name Change

Hunter Road to West Hopkins Street



Applicant Information:

Applicant: City of San Marcos
630 E. Hopkins Street
San Marcos TX, 78666

Applicant's Request In the interest of public safety and to eliminate multiple names along the continuity of a single street, to rename a portion of Hunter Road, located between Wonder World Drive and West San Antonio Street to West Hopkins Street.

Public Hearing Notice Notification of a public hearing was mailed on December 21, 2018.
Notification was published in the newspaper on December 28, 2018.

Comments from Other Departments:

Police Department: No opposition.
Fire Department: No opposition.
Department of Development Services: No opposition.
Department of Public Services: No opposition.
City Marshall: No opposition.
Hays County GIS: No opposition.

Planning Department Analysis:

During an agenda item regarding the speed limit on this section of Hunter Road, City Council directed Staff to review the possibility of a street name change as a better transition into the West Hopkins Street residential area.

Staff has reviewed this request for a street name change for consistency with City ordinances and policies.

Section 74.057 of the City Code allows for the initiation of a street name change by the City in specific circumstances. In this instance, Section 74.057(a)(2) provides for a City initiated change for the following reason:

"In the interest of public safety or to eliminate multiple names along the continuity of a single street, at the request of the City Manager"

Generally, in order to initiate a street name change, the consent of at least 50% of the property owners and 50% of the business owners is required. However, the code does not require the consent of property owners or businesses in order to initiate a street name change in the interest of public safety or to eliminate multiple names along the continuity of a single street.

The City of San Marcos Transportation Division provided notice to all current residents and property owners of a public meeting held November 15, 2018. The meeting was not attended by any community members.

Staff has identified approximately 330 residents and property owners that will be impacted by address changes if the street name is changed. Staff has received one letter against the proposed change from a resident at the Elysian apartment complex (formally Purgatory Creek Apartments). This resident states that he represents multiple residents at the apartment complex, but due to the holiday season he is having some difficulty providing a petition with signatures. The letter is attached in your packet.

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall apply the following criteria in considering the proposed street name:

Criteria:

Staff Analysis:

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| 1. Multiple names along the continuity of a single street or along two streets that are in substantial alignment shall be avoided. | Meets criteria. Extending the West Hopkins Street name to Wonder World will allow for the street name change at a major intersection, rather than a minor one, reducing confusion. |
| 2. Consideration shall be given to historical and geographical significance of a street or area or to the recognition of a significant personal achievement. | Meets criteria. Hopkins Street was named in 1912. |
| 3. A new street name shall not duplicate or sound phonetically similar to the name of a street already in use in the city or the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction or designated as a future extension in the current thoroughfare plan. | Meets criteria. |
| 4. A new street name shall not differ from an existing street name except by the addition of a different auxiliary designation including "avenue", "way", "boulevard", etc. | Meets criteria. |
| 5. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall also review any other pertinent criteria in its consideration of a street name change. | The Planning and Zoning Commission may hold discussions regarding any other pertinent information as part of their discretionary decision on the proposed street name change. |

The Planning and Development Services Department seeks the advice and a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this proposed street name change after all pertinent criteria have been discussed.

The Commission's Responsibility:

The Commission is required by law to hold a public hearing and receive public comment regarding the proposed street name change. After considering the public input, the Commission is charged with making an advisory recommendation to the City Council regarding the request. The City Council will ultimately decide whether to approve or deny this request, and will do so through the passage of an ordinance.

The Commission's advisory recommendation to the Council is a discretionary decision. Your recommendation should be based on the standards listed in section 74.057 of the San Marcos City Code.

Prepared by:
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December 28, 2018

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Date