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	<p>Agenda Item No. 54</p> <p>Roll Call No. <u>09-</u></p> <p>Communication No. <u>09-563</u></p> <p>Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director</p>	

AGENDA HEADING:

Renaming portions of NE 27th Avenue and NE Oak Hill Drive recently annexed into the City of Des Moines to E. Sheridan Avenue to fit within the City of Des Moines street naming and building numbering conventions.

SYNOPSIS:

Street names and building numbers that exist in the areas recently annexed into the City of Des Moines should be renamed to correspond with the existing street naming and numbering conventions to avoid confusion and allow the property to be easily located.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Included within the \$13,000 estimate to be needed for fabrication and installation of new street name signs along the recently annexed streets.

Funding Source: 2009-10 Capital Improvement Program, Page Traffic Control Improvements -5, City-wide Signals, Channelization and School Crossing Protection Program, TFC091.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines completed voluntary and involuntary annexation of properties in Polk and Warren Counties. For the safety and convenience of the citizens, it is essential that some of the streets be renamed in the newly annexed areas to avoid duplicate street names or addresses, and to fit within the existing street naming and numbering conventions. On July 13, 2009 by ordinance number 14,865, Council approved the renaming of all streets in the north/east annexed areas that did not fit within the City of Des Moines street naming and building numbering conventions or that duplicated existing street names. Renaming of NE 27th Avenue was withdrawn from the ordinance on final reading.

A city staff member met with the residents along NE 27th Street on July 29, 2009. Those present expressed concern regarding the name change. It was pointed out that the need was based on public safety concerns and to avoid confusion. The distance between the newly annexed NE 27th Avenue and E 27th Street is approximately 3 miles. Leaving the street name NE 27th Avenue could cause undue delay in fire, rescue and police operations when dispatched from the City of Des Moines.

Citizens continued to express opposition to the need to change the street name and dissatisfaction with the proposed street name.

All numerically named streets in the City of Des Moines are north/south streets, with the singular exception of NE 27th Avenue, in the recently annexed area. Anyone familiar with the historic street naming conventions within the City of Des Moines would reasonably expect NE 27th Avenue to be a north/south street where E 27th Street is currently located. However, NE 27th Avenue is an east/west street that commences three miles east of E 27th Street along the alignment of E Sheridan Avenue. City staff recommends that the portion of NE 27th Avenue within the City of Des Moines, and a portion of NE Oak Hill Drive that appears to be the western extension of NE 27th Avenue, be renamed E. Sheridan Avenue to avoid the duplicate 27th streets, and to fit within the City's street naming conventions.

There has been a proposal from a resident on NE 27th Avenue to rename NE 27th Avenue to E Oak Hill Drive. The proposal is not supported by staff because it would create an intersection of three streets all named E Oak Hill Drive.

The City annexed a portion of NE Oak Hill Drive recently renamed E Oak Hill Drive that extends north from a section of Easton Avenue. East Oak Hill Drive then picks up at NE 27th and heads in a north-westerly direction. It was suggested that this street name also extend easterly along the north side of NE 27th Avenue. This would create a street that runs north-east for a portion of the street, north-west for a portion of the street and then west for a portion. From a public safety standpoint, this would create undue hardship in determining where on the section of the street a structure is located or which section of the street to access for a direct service route.

Previously it was proposed that this section of the street be E. Oak Hill Drive as it headed south and easterly and then change to E. Sheridan Avenue. This would cause a street in the City of Des Moines to have two names as it travels east to west. This proposal would create undue confusion. In order to have one continuous street name for the street within the City that runs east from E 56th to the city limits, it is now proposed that the street be named E. Sheridan Avenue. This would provide that the entire street front within the City to be named one street name.

The United States Postal Service controls the last line of the mailing address. For instance, addresses along NE 27th Avenue that currently have an Altoona mailing address will retain their Altoona mailing address until it is changed by the Postal Service. Staff will make a request to the Postmaster to have the delivery addresses changed to Des Moines.

The naming and numbering grid system that has been established by City of Des Moines ordinance and policy is user friendly, reduces confusion and is cost effective for citizens and service providers.

Citizens pointed out that there were street names in the City of Des Moines that change from one name to another as you travel across town. These streets are specific to the City of Des Moines and not used by another municipality.

Citizens also expressed concerns regarding the cost of an address change. The United States Postal Service will deliver to the old address for one year. This will allow people time to change magazine subscriptions, billings and other records they need to have renewed or updated. Driver's license, vehicle registration and boat registration will not need to be changed until they become due for renewal. Abstracts do not need to be changed, as the description of the property is based on the legal description, and not on the address. Wills, power of attorney and living wills will remain valid.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1110

Action: On proposed renaming of streets recently annexed or to be annexed in the City of Des Moines as amended. (Council Communication No. 09-461)

) Moved by Hensley that this ordinance do now pass, with the following amendments to the original proposal, and with the renaming of NE 27th Avenue to be deferred to a later ordinance: #14,865.
Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 22, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1110

Action: On proposed renaming of streets recently annexed or to be annexed in the City of Des Moines, as amended. (Council Communication No. 09-414) Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage with the amendments as listed on the roll call to the original proposal; except for the renaming of NE 27th Avenue to be determined at 3rd reading. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 8, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1033

Action: First consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be first amended to reflect the exceptions to the staff proposal identified in the hearing roll call, and then be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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