



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

25

Date January 27, 2025

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING ON CITY-INITIATED REQUEST TO RENAME A SEGMENT OF "LAKE RIDGE AVENUE" TO "SWEETWATER DRIVE", LOCATED TO THE EAST OF SOUTHEAST 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN EAST ARMY POST ROAD TO THE NORTH AND EAST PINE AVENUE TO THE SOUTH**

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on January 16, 2025, its members voted 13-0 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of a City-initiated request to rename a segment of "Lake Ridge Avenue" to "Sweetwater Drive". The subject street segment is located to the east of Southeast 30th Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. That the attached communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission is hereby received and filed.
2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed street renaming is to be considered shall be held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2025, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said proposal in the accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than seven (7) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing.

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO ADOPT.

SECOND BY \_\_\_\_\_.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill  
Chas M. Cahill

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
COLEMAN				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

January 21, 2025

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their January 16, 2025 meeting, the following action was taken on a City initiated request to rename a segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”. The street segment is located to the east of Southeast 30<sup>th</sup> Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: 13-0**

After public hearing, the members voted as follows:

<u>Commission Action:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Francis Boggus	X				
Leah Rudolphi	X				
Kayla Berkson	x				
Chris Draper	X				
Laura Kessel	X				
Todd Garner	X				
Johnny Alcivar	X				
Justyn Lewis					X
Carolyn Jenison	X				
William Page	X				
Andrew Lorentzen	X				
Emily Webb	X				
Katie Gillette	X				
Rick Trower					X
Jane Rongerude	X				

**Approval** of the request to rename a street segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION**

Staff recommends approval of the request to rename a street segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”.

## STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** The City of Des Moines Neighborhood Services Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Engineering Department's Traffic and Transportation Division, and the Information Technology Department maintains a street naming and numbering system. Correct addressing assists fire and police in responding to emergency situations as well as being used by private businesses in delivery of services.

The City's Addressing Review Committee has determined that a segment of Lake Ridge Avenue was named in error during the plat review process for Three Lakes Estates Plat 10 in 2024. The street segment should be named Sweetwater Drive with east-west addresses in the 3000-block range. In the future, this street segment will connect to the existing Sweetwater Drive to the west.

There are four (4) properties adjoining the street segment. Two (2) of these properties currently have houses under construction and the other two (2) are currently vacant. None of the properties are currently occupied. After this segment of Lake Ridge Avenue is officially renamed as Sweetwater Drive, the City will issue official address assignment letters to the property owners.

2. **Size of Site:** Approximately 9,874 square feet (175-foot-long segment).
3. **Existing Zoning (site):** "PUD" Planned Unit Development.
4. **Existing Land Use (site):** Street right-of-way.
5. **Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**
  - North* – "PUD"; Vacant land.
  - South* – "PUD"; Uses are one and two-household dwellings.
  - East* – "PUD"; Vacant land.
  - West* – "PUD"; Vacant land.
6. **General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The requested street renaming is located in an area that contains a mix of one and two-household residential uses as well as townhomes.
7. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The subject property is in the Easter Lake Area neighborhood. This neighborhood was notified of the Commission meeting by emailing of the Final Agenda on January 10, 2025. All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact(s) designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Services Department.

Additionally, separate notifications of the hearing for this specific item were mailed on January 6, 2025 (10 days prior to the hearing) to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each property adjacent to the subject right-of-way.

**8. Relevant Zoning History:** None.

**9. PlanDSM Land Use Plan Designation:** The proposed project area is designated as “Low-Medium Density Residential” on the Future Land Use Map.

**10. Applicable Regulations:** The Commission, considering the criteria set forth in Chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, reviews all proposals for street renaming. The recommendation of the Commission is forwarded to the City Council.

## **II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION**

**1. Utilities:** There are sanitary sewer lines, storm water lines, and water main within the specified right-of-way. All existing utilities will remain in the right-of-way.

**2. Traffic & Transportation:** The subject right-of-way segment is located at an intersection with Southeast 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Plats for development of the vacant land to the east and west are currently under review. Once developed, the street network will connect the subject right-of-way segment to the existing Sweetwater Drive to the west. In the future, Sweetwater Drive would also continue east and connect to a north-south segment of Lake Ridge Avenue.

**3. Emergency Response:** Officially changing the street name will increase the ability of City Police and Fire Departments to respond in the case of emergency.

**4. Services & Mail Delivery:** The address assignment shall be sent to utility providers, USPS, and Polk County to update their records. The City’s Traffic and Transportation Department will change the street signage.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**


Johnny Alcivar asked if any member of the public or commission desired to speak on the item. No one requested to speak.

**COMMISSION ACTION**

Carolyn Jenison made motion for approval of the request to rename a street segment of "Lake Ridge Avenue" to "Sweetwater Drive".

**THE VOTE 13-0**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Van Essen

Planning & Urban Design Administrator

JMV:mrw

City of Des Moines Vicinity of 6473 Lake Ridge Avenue

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