



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date February 10, 2025

RESOLUTION HOLDING HEARING ON CITY-INITIATED REQUEST TO RENAME A SEGMENT OF “LAKE RIDGE AVENUE” TO “SWEETWATER DRIVE”, LOCATED TO THE EAST OF SOUTHEAST 30TH STREET BETWEEN EAST ARMY POST ROAD TO THE NORTH AND EAST PINE AVENUE TO THE SOUTH

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0118, the City Council received a communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at a public hearing held on January 27, 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”, to the east of Southeast 30th Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0118, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the proposal to rename a segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”, to the east of Southeast 30th Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south be set down for hearing on February 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed street renaming; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice, those interested in said proposed street renaming, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

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

1. Upon due consideration of the facts, and any and all statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, any objections to the proposed renaming of a segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”, to the east of Southeast 30th Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south are hereby overruled, and the hearing is closed.
2. The proposed renaming of a segment of “Lake Ridge Avenue” to “Sweetwater Drive”, to the east of Southeast 30th Street between East Army Post Road to the north and East Pine Avenue to the south is hereby approved, subject to final passage of the appropriate ordinance.

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

SECOND BY _____.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

Chas M. Cahill

Assistant City Attorney

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

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.

_____ 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 30th 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:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Abstain	Absent
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 30th 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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