

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (N.C.S.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 30-91, 30-93 AND 30.94 OF THE SALINAS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODERNIZE THE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY'S STREET NAMING COMMITTEE

City Attorney Impartial Analysis

This ordinance modernizes the structure of the City's Street Naming Committee (Committee) by removing designated positions that are not necessary to the duties of the Committee. With the elimination of three designated positions, the number of required Committee members to conduct business is being reduced so that the Committee may meet when necessary and conduct business.

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas Municipal Code establishes regulations for establishing and changing street names and numbers; and

WHEREAS, the street naming committee shall consider names for all streets existing and proposed for the city. This duty will include, but not be limited to, giving names to new streets, changing names of existing streets to avoid duplication or similar sounding names and eliminating situations where there are several names for the same street.; and

WHEREAS, the committee may also consider the establishment of a street naming system (including street, avenue, drive, etc.); and

WHEREAS, within a reasonable time after committee recommendation and planning commission review, if required, the chairman of the street naming committee shall forward the actions and recommendations of the street naming committee and the planning commission to the city council for action.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF SALINAS as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 30-91, 30-93 and 30-94 of the Salinas Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows, with additions shown in underline and deletions shown in strikethrough:

Sec. 30-91. Street naming committee—Structure.

- (a) There is hereby established a street naming committee for the city, which may also be referred to in this article as the committee.
- (b) The following persons shall be members of the street naming committee:
 - (1) The director of community development or his/her designated representative;
 - (2) The director of public works or his/her designated representative;
 - (3) The police chief or his/her designated representative;
 - (4) The fire chief or his/her designated representative;
 - ~~(5) The postmaster of the Salinas post office or his/her designated representative;~~
 - ~~(6) The director of Monterey County communications department or his/her designated representative;~~

~~(7) — One citizen representative.~~

- ~~(e) The citizen representative shall be appointed by the mayor with the concurrence of the city council. The first citizen representative's term shall extend to August 1, 1981, and all appointments thereafter shall be for four year terms.~~
- ~~(c)d) The director of public works or his/her designated representative shall act as chairman of the committee. The chairman shall call meetings as required by pending business, preside at meetings, keep appropriate records, and shall see that necessary correspondence, reports and recommendations are forwarded to the planning commission and the city council, as appropriate.~~
- ~~(de) The chairman shall give written notice of committee meetings to the membership at least twenty-four hours before any meeting unless the committee adopts a regular meeting time, or unless a date and time certain for the next meeting was established at the previous meeting and absent members were given written notice of the scheduled meeting date.~~
- ~~(ef) The presence of ~~four~~three members is necessary for the conduct of any committee business and action may be taken only by majority vote of the members present.~~
- (f) Prior to presenting proposed street names to the committee, the chairman shall consult with and provide the proposed street names to the postmaster of the Salinas post office or his/her designee.

~~Sec. 30-93. — Planning commission review.~~

~~In the case of a proposed tentative map, recommendations of the committee shall be forwarded to the planning commission for review along with the proposed tentative map. Approval of the proposed tentative map by the planning commission shall be deemed approval of street names recommended by the street naming committee, if those proposed street names are properly designated on the tentative map or otherwise made known to the planning commission.~~

Sec. 30-94. - City council action.

- a) Within a reasonable time after committee recommendation and planning commission review, if required, the chairman of the street naming committee shall forward the actions and recommendations of the street naming committee and the planning commission to the city council for action.
- b) In the case of a proposed tentative map, approval of the proposed tentative map shall not be deemed as approval of the street names. Street names for new subdivisions shall be reviewed by the committee and presented to the city council for approval with the final map. Written notice of such public hearing shall be mailed at least 10 days prior to the public hearing to owners and residents of property abutting the subdivision. ~~recommended by the planning commission, provided those proposed street names are properly designated on the tentative map or otherwise made known to the city council.~~

- c) When the committee recommends a street name change directly to the city council, the council shall hold a public hearing before taking action. Written notice of such public hearing shall be mailed at least ten days prior to the public hearing to owners and residents of property abutting the street at locations where street name changes are proposed.
- d) The city council shall make street name changes by resolution as authorized by California Government Code Section 34091.1.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper published and circulated in Salinas within fifteen (15) days after adoption. (Salinas Charter Section 11.9)

SECTION 4. CEQA Compliance. The City Council's adoption of this ordinance is not a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it would not have a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, the City Council's adoption of this ordinance is exempt because it does not meet the definition of a "project" under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(1) and 15378(a), because it has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable physical change in the environment.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of any competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Salinas City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk