

City of Tamarac

Policy for the Naming Streets, Parks and City-Owned Facilities

I. **Purpose:**

To establish guidelines and criteria for the naming or renaming of public streets, parks and City-owned facilities within the City of Tamarac, Florida.

II. **Definitions:**

A. Parks – Outdoor public spaces and areas of recreation that are owned by the City of Tamarac.

B. Facilities Properties and buildings that are within City limits and which are owned by the City.

C. Streets – Those roads or thoroughfares that are owned or maintained by the City of Tamarac. County, State or Federally owned or maintained roads or thoroughfares may be eligible if approved for consideration by those entities, but are otherwise excluded from this Policy.

III. **Procedure:**

A. The Mayor, a member of the City Commission, or any citizen of the City, may request to name or rename a street, park, or City-owned facility. The request shall be placed on an agenda for review and discussion at a public meeting. The request may or not be in the form of a resolution. Upon request, and in its discretion, the City Commission may seek additional input of the community, before making a determination.

B. The City Commission shall approve or disapprove the request, and if approved, a formal resolution shall be prepared if not already prepared, and presented and voted upon at a public meeting.

C. If approved, the City manager shall take all steps necessary to implement the naming or renaming of a street, park, or City-owned facility, including coordinating the name change with the County, State, or Federal government, if appropriate. The City Manager or designee shall, within a reasonable time, schedule a naming or renaming ceremony.

IV. Criteria:

- A. The City Commission shall consider factors such as the historical and cultural significance, geographical location, distinctive natural or geological features, and any other factors deemed important by the City Commission when determining whether to name or rename a street, park, or City-owned facility.
- B. A street, park, or City owned facility may be named after a person who is alive or deceased.
- C. A proposed name should be of an individual who has positively impacted the community or who has had outstanding achievement in public life. An outstanding civic or community leader of local, state, or national repute may be considered. A current or former member of the City Commission may be considered so long as the current or former member has been elected to serve at least two terms.
- D. Proposed names that are deemed inappropriate by the City Commission shall not be considered.
- E. Proposed street names shall not duplicate any other street name in the City.

V. Miscellaneous Matters:

- A. The City recognizes that in some situations where numbered signs are being replaced, the City may need to erect street new signs that have the former numbered street and new name included on them.
- B. Renamed streets, parks, and City-owned facilities shall remain in perpetuity and are not eligible to be changed again unless the City Commission deems it necessary or desirable.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Policy, the City Commission may name a City-owned facility pursuant to a naming rights agreement, which provides compensation to the City for such rights.