ORDINANCE NO. 18227

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor James A. McClinton establishing City of Topeka Code § 130-11 concerning the procedures for changing street names and designating memorial streets.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Topeka City Code Chapter 130, Article I, Section 11, is hereby amended by the addition of the following language:

Procedure for changing street names or designating memorial streets.

a. Referral to department of public works. Whenever a request is made to change the name of any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Topeka, or to authorize a memorial designation for any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Topeka, the same shall at once be referred to the public works department for a written report as to the advisability of the proposed action. Prior to submitting such a proposal, the requestor shall contact affected residents and businesses located on the street and organized representative groups, including neighborhood improvement associations or neighborhood associations, for input regarding the proposal, and shall provide written evidence of the support of the proposal by these individuals and groups. In addition, the request shall include the background history of the current name.

b. Reports required for action. The public works department is hereby authorized and directed to make a report as soon as practicable. No action shall be taken by the city council on such request pending the receipt of the report.
c. Naming or memorial designation guidelines. In naming or changing the name of any street, the following guidelines shall be observed:

1. A street name or memorial designation shall not be the same as the name of an existing thoroughfare.

2. A street name or memorial designation shall not be the name of a living person or persons.

3. A street name or memorial designation shall not be the name of an existing or proposed business or existing product or proposed product of a business.

4. A street name shall be given to the entire length of the street, while a memorial designation may be given for any or all of a street.

5. The cost to taxpayers and burden on residents and service providers of the proposed action shall be examined.

d. Consideration of proposal. Upon receipt of the report from the public works department, the city council may, by ordinance, take appropriate action on the proposal. If a proposal is to change the name of a street, the public works department shall change street signs as required by the change. If the proposal is make a memorial designation of all or part of an existing street, signage bearing the adopted designation shall be placed as determined by the director of public works, subject to the availability of budgeted funds designated for such purpose.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council of the City of Topeka APR 20 2004

ATTEST:

James A. McClinton, Mayor

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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