

Suggested Road Naming Guidelines
Lane County, Oregon
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In order to facilitate road names that are not confusing or difficult to interpret for public safety staff, the Lane County of Governments (LCOG) facilitates an email discussion group that offers suggestions on proposed road names in Lane County. The discussion group's advice is advisory in nature, but does provide good guidance that can and has prevented potential problems with new road names. The email group consists of Planners, Addressing Authorities, Public Safety, and U.S. Postal Service staff. The guidelines apply to both public and private road names.

Generally, each jurisdiction involved in reviewing subdivision plats and proposed road name changes already has an existing review process. In addition to these existing review processes, it was concluded that it would be beneficial to have this road name discussion group review proposed road names. All correspondence is conducted via e-mail. This e-mail group list is on the Regional Information Server (RIS) as *LCOG Roadnames. Another benefit of the group list is that it may help prohibit identical or too similar road names from being approved by two different entities simultaneously. Recipients should reply that the proposed road name is acceptable or unacceptable before the deadline.

Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to not conflict with existing regulations within Lane County. Road names can be checked by using www.rlid.org. This site contains all road names within Lane County.

It is recommended that road names observe the following guidelines:

- All road names will have a valid road type (e.g., St, Rd, Way);
- Road names with post-directionals are discouraged (ex: Woodlake Way South);
- It is not recommended to use road names with pre-directionals contained within the *road name* field. Pre-directionals that are attached to another word in the road name (no space between words) are acceptable (ex: South Ridge Dr is not acceptable, Southridge Dr is acceptable);
- Road names with punctuation are discouraged (ex: St. Ives Pl, Be-ell Pl, or Hooton's Rd);
- Road names with potentially confusing foreign names are discouraged (ex: Soufreiere Ct);
- Road names that are alpha/numeric are discouraged (ex: Bonners Lane 1);
- Road names that sound like existing road names (ex: Maine/Main) are discouraged;
- Road names that contain more than 20 characters (ex: Goodpasture Lakes Loop Rd) are discouraged;
- Road names that contain a road type within the road name (ex: Woodway Pl) are discouraged;
- Road names that contain a sound-alike of a road type within the road name (ex: Brenelain Ave) are discouraged;
- Road names that are in general confusing, or have unusual spellings (ex: Acres on Taylor Ave or Hodsdonsdale Ln) are discouraged;
- Road names that contain abbreviated MT (mount/mountain) or ST (saint) without another word following (ex: Shasta MT Rd not acceptable, MT Shasta Rd is acceptable) are discouraged;
- Trail (abbreviated TRL) is not an acceptable road type.

Proposed road names that already exist in Lane County will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Because the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) is maintained at a county-wide level, it would be less confusing to not have any more similar road names in Lane County.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Keith Massie at (541) 682-4652 or kmassie@lco.org.