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Road Naming Guidelines

- Duplicate primary names of existing roads or reserved road names are not allowed (i.e. if there is an existing DEER CREEK RD, then DEER CREEK TRL, LN, WAY, etc. would not be allowed). Duplicate primary names will not be allowed within Sequatchie County.
- A directional (North, South, etc.) prefix can only be authorized by Address Coordinator.
- A directional (North, South, etc.) suffix cannot be used except when renaming a section of a previous road (i.e. DEER CREEK RD splitting into DEER CREEK RD West, East, South, etc.)
- All names shall be simple to pronounce and spelled according to a standard dictionary.
- No personal/family names or personal pronouns (JEANNE LANE or MY WAY) Signs of this type are frequently stolen and are expensive to replace.
- Street names cannot contain punctuation or special characters (including apostrophes). Only alphabetical symbols A through Z and black spaces may be used in street names. In the event proper grammar and usage would require a special character, the name shall NOT be allowed (HIDE-A-WAY LN would NOT be acceptable).
- Names shall NOT contain numbers or spelling out of numbers (i.e. 8 MILE WAY or THREE DOG WAY).
- Names cannot begin with articles (a, an, the, or, of). (i.e. THE LAKES DR would NOT be acceptable).
- Names cannot be duplicate homonyms or phonetically similar to existing names (CHUTE, SHOOT; BEECH ST, PEACH ST)
- Names cannot contain initials, abbreviations, or single-letters. (DIAMOND T LN, or LM LN)
- Names must use common spelling for a word (MIST vs. MYST)
- Names cannot be a description of a place or feature that could be mistaken on a map or when giving directions (i.e. DIRT RD, JEEP TRL, TENNIS CT, or UP THE CREEK RD would NOT be acceptable).
- Other names may be determined unacceptable by the Address Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

Geometric Guidelines

All roads that serve two or more properties, or are $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or longer in length, shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A "road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt thoroughfare. "Property" refers to any property on which a more or less permanent structure has been erected or could be placed. A road name assigned by the Sequatchie County 911 Mapping Office, does not imply acceptance of the road as a public way, legal destination by the US Post Office, or Maintainability of road way be the Sequatchie County Highway Dept, TDOT, or Dunlap City Streets.

The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- Roads to be named shall be accessed by roads that are already named. If not, they entire access route will need to be named simultaneously.
- A named road should be essentially continuous, without gaps.
- If a road has more than one branch at the end, separate names shall be used for multiple branches.
- Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length, except that a road name may change when, and only when, there is a substantial intersection or at municipal boundaries
- In the event that a road name change is required due to a duplicate road name, the road first using the name will retain its name or, if the County/City cannot determine which road used the name first, the road with the most addresses will retain its name and the road with the fewer addresses will be changed.
- When naming a road or renaming a road with two existing names in different sections, the name of the road that is used for the longest distance or is most heavily traveled should be kept.

The main objective is to provide clear street names for citizens, emergency dispatch, and emergency responders, to minimize the possibility of emergency personnel being unable to find a location.

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