

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NAMES OF ROADS
IN RANDOLPH COUNTY AND A PROCEDURE FOR THE
FUTURE NAMING OR RENAMING OF ROADS IN
RANDOLPH COUNTY

Section 1. INTRODUCTION

Under the provisions of NCGS 153A-240, counties may by ordinance name or rename any public road within the county and not within a city.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners desires to name all roads within Randolph County governmental jurisdiction and to erect road name signs for these roads so that emergency services such as police, fire and medical rescue can locate rural addresses more quickly.

This ordinance shall establish the procedures for naming existing roads and future roads and for renaming any road. The Randolph County Board of Commissioners shall name all existing roads and shall consider petitions on the renaming of any road. The Board of Commissioners shall delegate the responsibility for the naming of future roads to the Randolph County Planning Board. It shall be the duty of the Randolph County Planning Director to maintain and keep updated at all times a master list of every road officially named by the Board of Commissioners or by the Planning Board.

As used in this ordinance, the term "road name" means a name officially adopted by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners; the terms "road" and "street" are interchange-able and have the same meaning.

Section 2. EXISTING ROADS

(a) The Randolph County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing before naming any existing road within Randolph County governmental jurisdiction. At least ten (10) days before the day of the hearing, the Planning Director shall cause notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the hearing to be prominently posted at the county court-house, in at least two public places in the township or townships where the road is located, and shall publish a notice of such hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county. After the hearing the Board of Commissioners shall name the proposed roads and cause the list of approved names, with approval date, to be added to the master list of road names maintained by the Planning Director.

(b) Identifying street markers shall be located at each intersection of each officially named public road throughout Randolph County, excepting those areas located within incorporated municipal limits.

(c) The Randolph County Planning Director is authorized to correct such clerical errors or sign location adjustments

as may from time to time occur and to purchase and have installed signs as are needed to carry out the purposes and intent of this ordinance within budgetary limitations.

Section 3. RENAMING ROADS

(a) Persons desiring to have the name of a road changed or to name a road not so designated or otherwise provided for as a part of this ordinance must petition the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

(b) The petition shall contain the existing road name, the proposed road name, and the signature of no less than 2/3 of the property owners along the road and should state the beginning and termination point of the designated road name. The Randolph County Tax Supervisor shall certify that the petition is valid.

(c) The Board of Commissioners shall set a public hearing on the proposed name change. At least ten (10) days before the day of the hearing, the Planning Director shall cause notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the hearing to be prominently posted at the county courthouse, in at least two public places in the township or townships where the road is located, and shall publish a notice of such hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county. The renaming of any such road shall be noted in the master list of road names.

(d) No petitions for the changing of names of roads as herein established shall be accepted by Randolph County until three years from the effective date of this ordinance or until three years from the filing of the last petition for the changing of a road name.

Section 4. NEW ROADS

(a) Roads shall be named when created by the North Carolina Department of Transportation or by the subdivision process, and signs conforming to County standards shall be posted at intersections showing the name of every street. New streets, which are obviously in alignment with others already existing and named shall bear the names of the existing street names.

(b) Because most new roads are created by the subdivision-ion process, which is reviewed by the Randolph County Planning Board, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners does hereby delegate the authority and responsibility for naming new roads to the Randolph County Planning Board. Proposed road names shall be considered by the Planning Board in conjunction with the preliminary plat.

(c) When the developer or subdivider submits his preliminary plat to the Planning and Zoning Department, the plat shall contain proposed street names. The Planning

Director shall review the proposed street names for duplications, deceptively similar names, and acceptability. If there is a problem with any of the names, the developer or subdivider shall submit a substitute name for consideration. When the Planning Board approves the preliminary plat, they shall, at the same time, approve the proposed or substituted street names as a part of the plat.

(d) A developer or subdivider creating new streets shall pay Randolph County for the actual cost of purchasing and erecting street signs which meet the standards established by Randolph County. After the proposed subdivision has received the appropriate preliminary plat or rezoning approval, the Planning Director shall compute the total actual cost of all required street signs and shall collect this sum from the developer or subdivider so that the County may purchase and install the signs. The following sign standard is required:

Extruded blade - 2 signs capability per pole; 1 post and vandal-proof cap and bracket (u channel construction), style 4 with 5" letters. The signs will be lettered on both sides and will include SR numbers, road names, etc. Size of sign blade will be determined by length of name. Sign color is green with white letters.

Section 5. NOTIFICATION PROCESS

When any road is renamed or added to or deleted from the County's master list of official road names, it shall be the duty of the Randolph County Planning Director to send a notice of each change to the local postmaster having jurisdiction over the road, to the local office of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to any city within five miles of the road, to the County Emergency Services Director for distribution to fire departments having jurisdiction over the road, to the Transportation Coordinator for the Randolph County Schools, and to any other party as deemed appropriate.

Section 6. MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Signs located on and identifying public roads shall be maintained by the County within limits established by budgetary appropriations.

Section 7. PENALTIES

It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, firm, or association to alter, remove, deface, destroy, or purposely damage any road name signs erected by Randolph County pursuant to this ordinance and any amendments thereto, or to erect road name signs that indicate a road name other than

that established by law. Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor, as provided by NCGS 14-4, and shall be punishable as therein provided.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on May 1, 1989.