

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Naming or Renaming Ordinance

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend §152.51, "Naming or Renaming of Streets, Parks, Buildings and Other Property," be added to Chapter 152, "Subdivision Control" of Title XV, "Land Usage" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1. An Ordinance has been prepared and appears under the regular order of business.

**Justification:**

From time to time the City receives requests from individuals and organizations to name or rename a City street, building or other property. The practice has been for City Council to receive and file the request and refer it to the Engineering Department, which in turn reviews the matter and refers it to the City Planning Commission. The City Planning Commission notifies the affected parties and holds a public hearing whereat citizens can give their input. Following the hearing, the City Planning Commission gives its recommendation to City Council for final approval and/or denial of the request. Although this procedure has been followed, there has never been any written policy. Since the City has no formal "policy" book, it is in the best interest of the City to adopt an ordinance setting forth the guidelines for naming and renaming City parks, buildings, streets and other property, so that the City is consistent in the manner these requests are handled.

**Council Action:**

This Council Communication is for explanation purposes only of the ordinance to be introduced.