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**ORDINANCE NO. 19063**

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., amending City of Topeka Code § 130-11 concerning the procedure for changing street names and specifically repealing said original section.

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

Section 1. That section 130-11, Procedure for changing street names or designating memorial streets, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Procedure for changing street names or designating memorial streets.**

(a) *Referral to department of ~~public-works~~ planning.* 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~~ worksplanning 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~~ planning 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.

30 (c) *Naming or memorial designation guidelines.* In naming or changing the  
31 name of any street, the following guidelines shall be observed:

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

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

36 (3) A street name or memorial designation shall not be the name of an  
37 existing or proposed business or existing product or proposed product of a  
38 business.

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

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

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

51 Section 2. That original § 130-11 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,  
52 is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. 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 City Council April 1, 2008.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

William W. Buntin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk