

A By-law to Establish Municipal Addressing and Street Naming in the City of Hamilton and to amend By-law No. 86-077 and to Repeal By-law No. 02-312

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Schedule “B” to By-law No. 25-095

Criteria for the naming and renaming of Public Highways, Private Roads and Commemorative Streets

- (1) That consideration will be given to choose Street names from the City of Hamilton pre-approved street name list for any new developments;
- (2) Proposed Street names should generally be in reference to people, groups, indigenous communities, places, geographical features, events, natural heritage, cultural heritage and things related to the area;
- (3) No Streets shall be named after living individuals unless approved by Council;
- (4) No Streets shall be named after existing businesses and industries unless approved by Council;
- (5) Street names shall not include awkward, corrupt, discriminatory or derogatory names, in regard to race, sex, colour, creed, political affiliation, or other social factors such as inappropriate humour, parody, slang or double meanings in any language;
- (6) Proposed Street names must not be identical or similar sounding to any existing Street name within the City of Hamilton or similar sounding to any other Street name being reserved or held on the City of Hamilton pre-approved street name list. Note that the Street type / suffix alone does not uniquely identify a Street name, i.e., “Fair Street” and “Fair Court” are considered identical and therefore shall only be considered for use when the two Streets proposed to be so named are continuous and where there will be no duplication of Municipal Address Numbers;
- (7) Proposed Street names must not have special characters, such as hyphens, apostrophes, or dashes, nor contain the words “or”, “and”, “the”, “old” and “new”;
- (8) Proposed Street names may contain the words North, South, East, West, Upper, or Lower. Note that cardinal directions and / or prefixes alone do not uniquely identify a Street name, i.e., “Fair Street North” and “Fair Street South” are considered identical and therefore shall only be considered for use when the two Streets proposed to be so named are continuous and where there will be no duplication of Municipal Address Numbers;
- (9) Proposed Street names shall not contain abbreviations, suffixes, numbers or a single letter of the alphabet as a base name;

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(10) The assignment of a Commemorative Street Name to all or a portion of a Public Highway will not change the official Street name nor require any existing municipal addresses to be altered.