

CHATHAM COUNTY ROAD NAME ORDINANCE

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for Chatham County recognizes the benefit of a sound road name and sign program; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for Chatham County has applied for and been awarded a grant through the Governor's Highway Safety Program to erect and maintain road signs throughout Chatham County; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for Chatham County has, pursuant to General Statute 153A-240 duly advertised and held a public hearing to gain citizen input into the naming of all roads in Chatham County;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, as follows:

Section 1 Existing Roads

- (a) That the following Chatham County roads, whether a part of the state secondary road system or private, be named hereafter as indicated and shown on the list attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- (b) That, pursuant to G.S. 153A-240, a copy of this ordinance and attached road name list be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.
- (c) That identifying street markers be located at each intersection of roads throughout Chatham County, including roads in Mobile Home Parks; except in those areas lying within the incorporated limits of Pittsboro, Siler City, Goldston and Haywood and private subdivisions desiring to erect and maintain their own street sign system within the subdivision.
- (d) That the road names established in this ordinance shall not be changed by any method except those outlined in this ordinance.

Section 2 New Roads/Subdivision

- (a) New roads shall be named when created through the major subdivision process and in accordance with those procedures outlined in the Subdivision Regulations, which are handled by the Chatham County Planning Board. All road names when created through a minor subdivision are petitioned through Chatham County Emergency Operations and approved by the commissioners.

- (b) Developers and/or sub dividers creating new roads, including roads in Mobile Home Parks, shall pay Chatham County for the actual cost of purchasing and erecting street signs which meet the standards of the Governor's Highway Safety Program or they can erect their own signs as long as they also meet the same standards.
- (c) Developers or Sub dividers desiring to use any other type of sign shall have such style and design reviewed by Chatham County Emergency Operations and approved by the Board of Commissioners. This section shall also apply to Mobile Home Parks.

Section 3 Naming Private Roads or Driveways

- (a) All private roads accessing three (3) or more dwelling units shall be named in order to conform to the requirements of Chatham County's Enhanced-911 program
- (b) Private roads and driveways, including mobile home park roads, which require naming shall have the name reviewed by Emergency Operations and approved by the Board of Commissioners
- (c) A petition containing the proposed road name, names of adjacent property owners, and the signatures of no less than 60% of the number of adjacent property owners along the road shall be submitted.
- (d) Those private roads in Chatham County not named as of September 6, 1994 shall be named in accordance with the procedures outlined in subsections a, b, and c above upon 30 days notice from the Chatham County Director of Emergency Operations. If, after 30 days from the date of notification, a completed petition has not been forwarded to the Director of Emergency Operations, the Board of Commissioners shall proceed to name the private road.

Section 4 Renaming Roads

Persons desiring to have the name of a road changed must petition Chatham County Emergency Operations and the Board of Commissioners.

- (a) A \$25.00 application fee shall accompany any petition requesting that an existing road name be changed.
- (b) The petition shall contain the existing road name, the proposed road name, names of adjacent property owners, and the signatures of no less than 60% of the adjacent property owners along the road.
- (c) The Director of Emergency Operations shall cause the request to be advertised pursuant to G. S. 153A- 240.
- (d) In the event the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approve the request, the petitioners shall be required to pay Chatham County for the cost of purchasing new signs.

- (e) No petitions for the changing of names of roads as herein established shall be accepted by Chatham County until one year from the date of the passage of this ordinance, July 16, 1984.
- (f) Except as permitted in (e) above, no petitions shall be accepted for road name changes within two (2) years of the filing of the last submitted petition for said road's name change.

Section 5 Damage to Signs

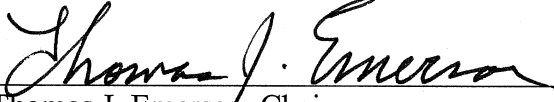
- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, firm or association of persons to alter, remove, deface, destroy or damage any road name signs erected by Chatham County pursuant to this ordinance, and any amendments thereto, and any violation of this portion of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished as allowed by law.


Section 6 Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of July, 1984.

Revised June 17, 2003 to reflect the changes from minutes in the Board of Commissioners meeting in January 22, 1996.


Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners


Sandra B. Sublett, CMC
Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Adopted July 16, 1984

Amended March 26, 1990

Amended September 6, 1994