

**POLICY OF THE CITY OF MAYSVILLE, GEORGIA REGARDING
THE NAMING OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES AND/FACILITIES**

Section 1. Purpose.

The City of Maysville recognizes that public commemoration and memorials and the naming of City properties or facilities offer opportunities to honor, celebrate, or remember a person, group of persons, or events of significance, or to recognize pertinent natural, geographic, or historical features significant to the City of Maysville. These opportunities provide for the City Council to highlight important social, cultural, and economic contributions to the City life, to celebrate the uniqueness of the City, and to celebrate properties or events identified as being of great importance to the citizens and visitors.

This policy provides guidelines on the naming of facilities, buildings, parks, streets, and other City properties, but shall in no event be intended to modify or restrict the powers retained by the City Council pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 2. Procedure.

A. When, at the discretion of the City Council, it is determined that a City owned property shall bear a name for the purpose of identification or memorialization, the Council may choose a name based upon the following criteria:

1. The facility or property may be named for deceased individuals who have distinguished themselves locally, regionally, or nationally by civic, business, philanthropy, or monetary contributions, and who have no outstanding indebtedness to the City of Maysville;
2. Neighborhood, street name, or historic significance to the site or location of the property or facility;
3. Where required by deed restriction upon acceptance of the property by the City;
4. Pertinent natural or geographic feature, or historical significance, which the City chooses to recognize or designate in the naming of the property or facility.

B. Names may be nominated by members of the City Council or the general public, whether solicited or unsolicited. A nomination from a member of the general public shall have broad support. The Council may, but is not required to, appoint a committee to evaluate the nomination and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council. Likewise, in the event the City Council designates a property or facility for naming, without a specific nomination, the Council may appoint a committee to review the property and propose to the City Council appropriate recommendations for the naming of such facility or property. All nominations from the general public must be in writing with specific and substantial supporting documentation.

3. Removal of Name or Designation.

A. The City Council may, in its sole discretion, remove or change the name or designation of any City property or facility. The decision to remove or change the name of any property or facility shall be done under any circumstances deemed appropriate by the City Council, and shall be in the City Council's sole discretion.

B. The naming of a City owned property or facility will remain at the sole discretion of the City Council.

C. In the event any City property or facility named or designated for any individual, natural or geographic feature, or historical event of significance, is sold or no longer used as a City facility, the name or designation of the facility shall not automatically transfer upon the sale or disposal of the property, and any future owner shall obtain no rights in such name by virtue of ownership of such former City property or facility.

This policy is approved by the City Council of the City of Maysville this 2 day of March, 2015.

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