



CITY OF YELM  
ORDINANCE NO. 786

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Yelm implementing a Community Memorial/Recognition Program.

WHEREAS, Yelm's elected officials have expressed a desire to honor individuals with dedications and or naming of certain public facilities, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish criteria and a process for selection of names for certain public facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YELM, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Selection of name – Criteria. It is the policy of the city to choose names for public parks, public facilities and/or streets based upon the site's relationship to the following criteria:

- A. Neighborhood, geographic or common usage identification;
- B. A historical figure, place, event or other instance of historical or cultural significance;
- C. Natural or geological features;
- D. An individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the community or who has had the contribution made "in memoriam" and when the name has been stipulated as a condition of the donation; or
- E. An individual who has contributed outstanding civic service to the city.

Section 2. Designation of name by city council. The city council shall designate the names of public parks, public facilities and/or streets. The city council may choose to make its selection after receiving a written recommendation from any one of the city's advisory boards, or a specially appointed committee, based upon public input from individuals and organizations. Such written recommendation shall state how the proposed name(s) meet(s) the criteria in Section 1. If a contest or competition is to be held to determine the name of a public park, public facility and/or street, the advisory board/committee shall establish guidelines and rules for the contest. No city funds shall be used for any contest prizes.

Section 3. Naming of interior features. The interior features of a public park or public facility may be named separately from the main park or facility; and should be bestowed with the intention that it will be permanent, and changes should be strongly resisted. Name changes shall be subject to the procedures set forth in this section.

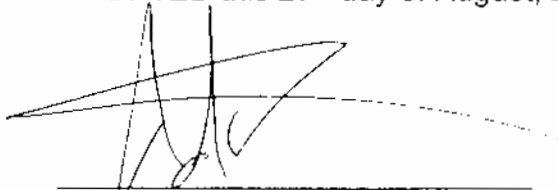
Section 4. Renaming procedure. A name once selected for a public park, public facility and/or street should be bestowed with the intention that it will be permanent, and changes should be strongly resisted. Name changes shall be subject to the procedures set forth in this section.

Section 5. Signing. Following selection of a public park, public facility and/or street name by the city council, the public works department will identify the specific park, facility or street by appropriate signing specifying the name.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage, approval and publication.


ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.



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Adam Rivas, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:



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Agnes P. Bennick, City Clerk

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