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Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 15th District requesting a policy be implemented relating to requests for street name changes.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole: the Item be referred to Public Works & Services with the recommendation that the Item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee (4-10-07): That requests to change city street names be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Further recommends that the following factors be considered in reviewing proposals to change the name of a street:

1. Historical context of existing street and street name.
2. Similarity to existing street names.
3. Continuity of street names.
4. Number of properties involved.
5. Number of property owners. A minimum of 90% of property owners must be in agreement.
6. Number of residents involved. A minimum of 75% of all residents must be in agreement.
7. If the street is to be named in honor of a person, that individual should be someone of national importance who had a profound, positive impact on the country.
8. If the street is part of a redevelopment, the impact of the development on the city shall be considered.
9. If the street is part of a redevelopment, the impact of exterior improvements shall be considered.
10. If the street is part of a redevelopment, the impact of streetscape improvements shall be considered.

Further recommend that any request to change the name of a city street shall require a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 to cover the costs to research the issue and to conduct any public hearings including the publishing of a Class 1 Notice.

Further recommend that the petitioner pay all costs incurred by the City to change its records and any street name sign changes which are necessary, which are estimated at \$1,500.00 but could be significantly higher depending upon the exact nature of the street name change.

Fiscal Note: The proposed fees will cover the actual costs which the City will incur to research and to administer the request for any proposed changes.