

**DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 21-10
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR CLAY WALKER**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DENALI BOROUGH CODE OF
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 9.12 TITLED STREET NAMING METHODS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the Denali Borough, Alaska that:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Chapter 9.12, titled Street Naming Methods.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption of the Denali Borough Assembly and the signature of the Denali Borough Mayor.

**Chapter 9.12
STREET NAMING METHODS**

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9.12.010 Purpose and authority.

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to establish an official method of naming streets within the Denali Borough and to establish an official map showing all official street names.
- B. The planning commission, acting on recommendations from the administration and after hearing public testimony, when applicable, shall establish the official name of a street within the Denali Borough.

9.12.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter the following terms are defined as shown:

- A. "Private road" means private easements or travel ways not dedicated to the public and located on private property.
- B. "Public road" means a dedicated right-of-way or a public prescriptive easement as determined by a final court action.
- C. "Remote" means accessible by boat, air or quad, but not by emergency road vehicle.
- D. The term "street(s)" as used in this chapter, except as defined under DBC 9.12.070(B) and used in DBC 9.12.080(B), is construed as a general term to describe a right-of-way dedicated to public use for access purposes.

9.12.030 Street name map.

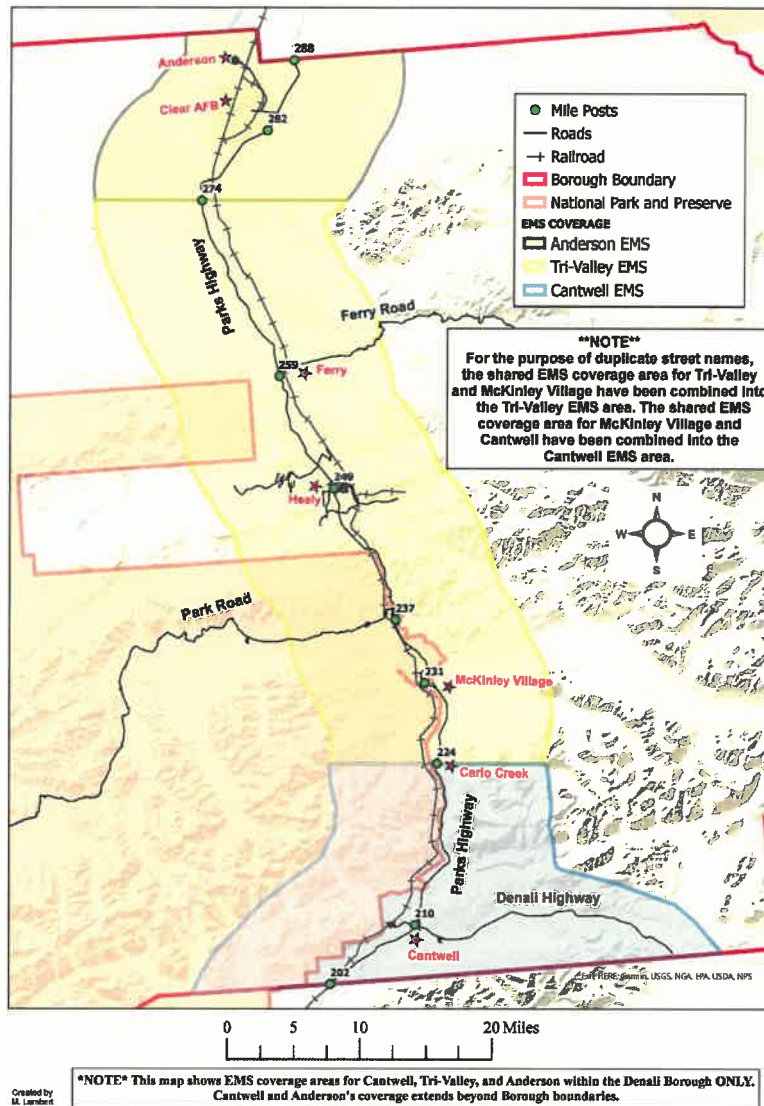
The borough base map, prepared and maintained by the land planner, is adopted as the official street name map of the borough.

- A. The official street name map shall supersede, where applicable, street names shown on subdivision plats or other recorded documents.
- B. Future revisions and updates of the existing base map may be accomplished by utilizing the computerized Geographic Information System which may produce official street name maps.
- C. Copies of the official street name map shall be made available upon request to any agency and the public upon receipt of payment for reproduction costs, when applicable.
- D. Street names adopted by action of an incorporated city within the borough shall be recognized on the official street name map.

9.12.040 Street names.

- A. Official street names shall be established in accordance with the following:
 - 1. A new street name shall comply with National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards and borough standards, or, if different, whichever standard is stricter.
 - 2. A new or changed street name shall not be a duplicate of any existing name located within an ambulance coverage area according to the map below. A different suffix (street, avenue, etc.) does not constitute a different name.

No Duplicate Street Names Within an Ambulance Coverage Area



3. A new right-of-way created by the subdivision process, which is a direct extension of or has the same alignment as an existing named right-of-way, shall bear the existing name.
4. No street shall be designated by a letter or number.
5. No street shall have a name sounding similar to or identical with any other named street within the borough.

6. Avoid road names that a caller or responder might have difficulty pronouncing, thus delaying emergency response time (example: Panguingue).
 7. Street names containing a directional connotation such as Northwoods Avenue or Eastwind Street are to be avoided.
 8. A directional prefix, i.e. East Fox Avenue, West Fox Avenue, shall only be used as necessary, which determination shall be based upon findings of fact showing the necessity, or caused by the addressing system contained in Chapter 9.14 DBC¹.
 9. A street name shall be no longer than 17 characters, including the abbreviated suffix and any spaces.
- B. The planning commission, after consideration of all factors and public testimony, may allow exceptions to the foregoing upon a finding that the public interest is not harmed; and provided, that the exception complies with NENA standards.
- C. The planning commission, after consideration of all factors and public testimony, may allow an exception for traditional or historic street names, including traditional or historic spelling and punctuation, to the foregoing upon a finding that the public interest is not harmed.

9.12.050 Renaming streets.

- A. The planning commission, upon a finding that an existing street name conflicts with or duplicates another existing street name thereby causing confusion as to the exact location of either street, shall officially rename the street(s) in accordance with DBC 9.12.040.
1. The planning commission shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with DBC 9.12.060 prior to taking official actions on any street name change.
 2. Due deference will be given to local or historic acceptance of existing street names to the extent possible.
 3. Street(s) renamed shall become official upon adoption of a planning commission street naming resolution stating the legal description and revised name and noting such change on the official street name map.
 4. Upon adoption of a street name change resolution, the borough will be responsible for the cost of replacing and installing the street name sign.
 5. Upon adoption of a street name change resolution, no reapplication or petition concerning the name of the same street may be filed within one calendar year of the final adoption, except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available, present or reasonably ascertainable when the original resolution was adopted.

- B. Any person or agency may also propose a street name change by submittal of a petition to the planning commission. The petition shall contain:
1. The existing street name;
 2. The proposed street name in accordance with DBC 9.12.040;
 3. A map showing the location of the street;
 4. Justification for changing the street name;
 5. The signatures of 75 percent of the owners fronting the street together with the related legal description of their property;
 6. The fees in the amount listed in the most current Denali Borough fee schedule.

9.12.060 Public hearing and notice required.

The planning commission shall publish a notice stating street names proposed to be changed, including a change in the suffix, in accordance with Denali Borough Charter, Article I, Section 1.05.

9.12.070 Unnamed streets.

- A. All unnamed streets that have been recognized as public rights-of-way by reason of a previously filed subdivision plat or other recorded document shall be officially named by the planning commission in accordance with DBC 9.12.040 and under the procedures of DBC 9.12.050(A).
- B. A separate official private road name is required for any unnamed road or driveway that provides access to three or more residential or commercial structures, or a driveway longer than 1,000 feet.
- C. Private street names may be officially named by the planning commission upon a finding that special circumstances merit a name assignment and that the public interest is not harmed.
1. Naming a private road does not constitute a legal dedication of the street for public right-of-way or maintenance purposes.
 2. Naming of private streets shall be in accordance with DBC 9.12.040 and follow procedures of DBC 9.12.050(A).

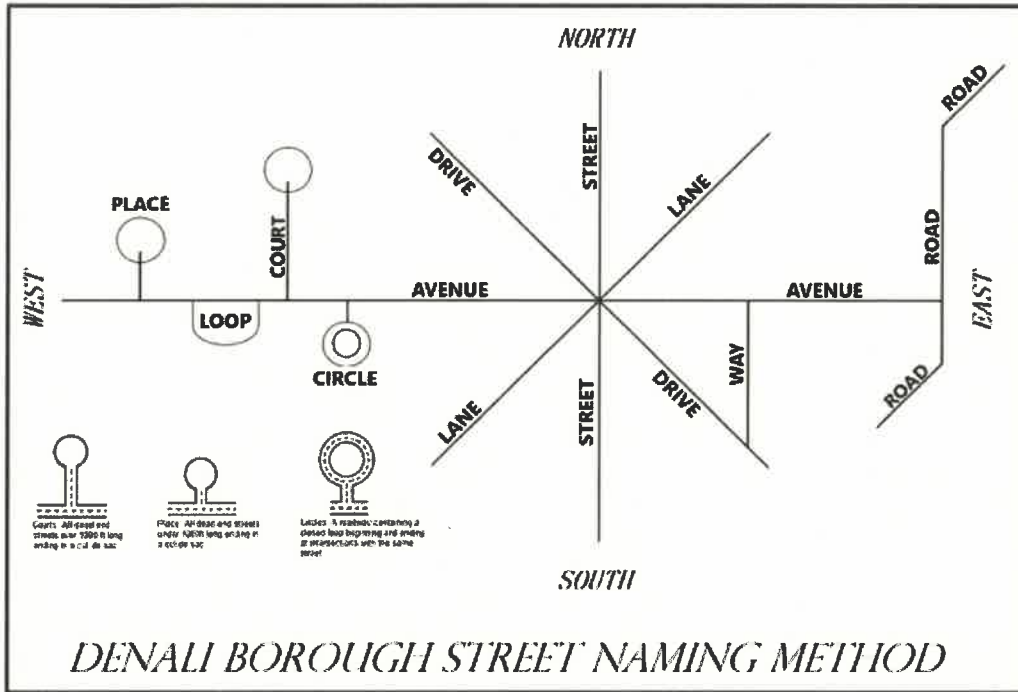
9.12.080 Street name suffixes.

A suffix designation shall be added to all new, renamed, or unnamed streets and shall be indicative of its alignment according to the diagram below and described as follows:

- A. "Avenue" means a right-of-way lying in an east-west direction, not ending in a cul-de-sac, and the future extension in either direction is possible.

- B. "Circle" means any right-of-way containing a closed loop beginning and ending at intersections with the same street, or where the looped street closes onto itself that is not interrupted by a through roadway.
- C. "Court" means any right-of-way over 1,000 feet in length ending in a cul-de-sac.
- D. "Place" means a roadway less than 1,000 feet in length ending in a cul-de-sac.
- E. "Drive" means any right-of-way laying in a northwest-southeast direction not ending in a cul-de-sac, and the future extension in either direction is possible.
- F. "Lane" means any right-of-way lying in a northeast-southwest direction not ending in a cul-de-sac, and the future extension in either direction is possible.
- G. "Loop" means any right-of-way beginning at a point on a thoroughfare and returning to another point on that same thoroughfare.
- H. "Road" means any right-of-way making multiple directional changes which make other designations inappropriate.
- I. "Street" means any right-of-way lying in a north-south direction, but not ending in a cul-de-sac and the future extension in either direction is possible.
- J. "Way" means a short connecting street between two dedicated rights-of-way.
- K. "Trail" means unimproved surface with difficult travel conditions.

In the event that a street is further developed, resulting in a change of directionality that no longer abides by the street name suffix definition, the street name suffix shall change accordingly.




9.12.090 Limitations.


The establishment of street names within the Denali Borough shall not imply any responsibility or obligation of a road construction or maintenance program by the Denali Borough.

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 PUBLIC HEARING: August 11, 2021

PASSED and APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 11th day of August, 2021.



 Clay Walker, Mayor

ATTEST: 

 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk



VOTE: unanimous