

RESOLUTION #2021-043

**AMENDING RESOLUTION #2017-036
OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING
APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR THE NAMING OF STREETS
TO THE BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
("E911")
AND THE BALDWIN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission ("Commission") has passed multiple resolutions pertaining to the addresses for and naming of street, road, and other public ways (collectively, "streets"), namely, Resolution #2017-036, Resolution #2006-04, Resolution #95-34, and Resolution #94-28; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolutions, the Commission has consistently maintained that subdivision developers be responsible for naming streets subject to Building Inspection Department approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also adopted Policy #4.3, which allows the Baldwin County Building Official to approve road name changes or new road name applications and submit the same to E911 Addressing and/or the Baldwin County Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, Policy #4.3 also establishes procedures for processing street name applications and authorizes the Building Official to reject any proposed street names that may increase the unauthorized removal of street signs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also prohibited the use of certain common street names due to over use throughout the county and discouraged the use of personal names consisting of a first name and surname; and

WHEREAS, because the Baldwin County Highway Department is tasked with ordering, installing and replacing street signs, and because it has successfully implemented processes that reduce street sign theft and replacement times, the Building Official has established a custom of consulting with the County Engineer for street name approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the resolutions referenced above, the Commission transferred street addressing responsibility from the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department to E911; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports the recommendation of the Building Official to also transfer street naming responsibility from the Baldwin County Building Department to E911; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the reduction in theft, this transfer of authority shall be subject to the same restrictions as to which names may be used for new streets, or street name changes, as set forth and described more particularly below; and

WHEREAS, because the involvement of the Baldwin County Highway Department is essential to maintain reductions in street sign theft and replacement times, the Commission supports the recommendation by the County Engineer that E911 coordinate and consult with the County Engineer, or his designee, for approval of the naming or renaming of streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Baldwin County Commission, in regular session assembled, that they support the recommendation to transfer approval authority for the naming and renaming of streets from the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department to E911; and

THAT, it is the intent of the Commission that subdivision developers be responsible for naming the new streets subject to approval by E911 after it consults with, and receives approval from, the Baldwin County Engineer or his designee; and

THAT, E911 and County Engineer shall collaborate and adopt necessary policies and procedures to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including without limitation prohibiting the use of certain common street names due to over use throughout the county.

THAT, unless specifically amended herein, all other provisions of Resolution #2017-036 shall remain in effect.

DONE, AS RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, and under Seal of the County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama, on this ____ day of _____, 2021.

JOE DAVIS, III
Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:

WAYNE A. DYESS
County Administrator