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ROAD NAMING

National Emergency Number Association (NENA) road naming standards

- Any road serving more than two structures shall be named and numbered. This applies to both public and private roads.
- Road name should not exceed 30 characters, including spaces. The shorter the name, the easier it is to remember in an emergency. This means the address number, road name, suffix and space would need to be no longer than 30 characters.

1. The primary street name: is the parent street name of the road and should not exceed the USPS recommend maximum length of 15 characters, including spaces.

2. The suffix: indicates the road type (e.g., STREET, DRIVE, AVENUE, etc.)

- There shall be no duplication of road names and/or numbers except in extenuating circumstances, one short cul-de-sac and/or one short loop that intersects no other street other than the parent street.

A. Examples of duplicate road names are:

1. PINE ROAD compared to PINE LANE
2. CATHY LANE N compared to KATHY LANE N
3. LAKE VIEW ROAD SW compared to LAKEVIEW ROAD SW
4. GRADY STREET E compared to GRADY CROSSING E
5. MEADOW ROAD compared to NORTH MEADOW ROAD

- Road names and/or numbers should only change when there is a substantial intersection, or at municipal boundaries.
- There should be no similar-sounding names, such as Beach Avenue and Beech Avenue, Main Street and Maine Street, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road.
- Avoid special characters, such as hyphens, apostrophes, periods, or decimals, in road names. (e.g., O'Reilly, Bob-A-Link, J.F. Kennedy)

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- Avoid the use of suffixes, directional suffixes, prefixes, and directional prefixes as street names. (e.g. North Mountain Road and South Avenue, North Loop, Court Street, Avenue of Pines)
- No single letter street names allowed. (e.g. A Avenue, Z Lane)
- Avoid using numbers as part of the street name (e.g. Lakes of 610, Park 20). Exceptions to this would include state, federal roadways and FM roads.

Every official parent road name should have a corresponding standard suffix that complies with the National Emergency 911 Association's (NENA) standards. When naming new roads, consider the following suffix suggestions:

- Avenue = a thoroughfare running principally in a north-south direction (or could be east-west depending on how "street" is defined).
- Circle = short road that returns to itself; circular or semi-circular roads.
- Court = Permanently closed road such as a cul-de-sac; dead-end road, usually under 1,000 feet in length, or horseshoe-shaped road.
- Lane = Private road or driveway.
- Loop = Short drive that begins and ends on the same road
- Road = most common designation for a secondary thoroughfare; generally indicates a heavily traveled route.
- Street = running principally in an east-west direction (or could be north-south depending on how "avenue" is defined).