

Draft Naming Policy for Roads

Strategic Alignment - Our Places

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Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* requires Council to have a policy relating to the naming of public and private roads. Council has a policy; however, it was adopted in 2000 and has not been reviewed since then.

A review has been undertaken and has resulted in the development of a revised policy, which is now titled the 'Naming Policy for Roads'. The main change from the existing policy is that minor roads (lanes etc) may now be named.

This report seeks the Committees recommendation for Council to adopt the Draft 'Naming Policy for Roads'.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 28 May 2024 for consideration.

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the 'Naming Policy for Roads' as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 21 May 2024.
 2. Notes that the 'Naming Policy for Roads' as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 21 May 2024 will supersede the Road Naming Policy adopted by the City Projects Committee on 13 June 2000.
 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make minor, typographical, syntactical and technical updates to the 'Naming Policy for Roads' as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 21 May 2024, to finalise the document.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<i>Strategic Alignment – Our Places</i>
Policy	This report requests that Council consider and endorse a revised policy relating to the naming of public and private roads. The revised policy is titled ‘Naming Policy for Roads’.
Consultation	The Surveyor-General is responsible for advising the minister responsible for the <i>Geographical Names Act 1991 (SA)</i> (the Minister for Planning) in relation to the naming of places in South Australia. The Surveyor-General was consulted in relation to the drafting of the revised policy (Naming Policy for Roads).
Resource	Internal resources were used in researching and drafting the revised policy (Naming Policy for Roads).
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> requires Council to have a policy relating to the naming of public and private roads.
Opportunities	If Council adopts the revised policy (Naming Policy for Roads) it will have the ability to assign names to the numerous lanes that are currently unnamed.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The revised policy (Naming Policy for Roads) will remain relevant until such time as Council determines a review or further revision.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. Section 219(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) gives a council the power to assign a name to, or change the name of:-
 - 1.1. a 'public road'
 - 1.2. a 'private road'
 - 1.3. a 'public place'.
2. Section 219(5) of the Act requires a council to prepare and adopt a policy relating to the naming of 'public roads', 'private roads' and 'public places'.
3. In relation to Council's obligation to adopt a policy for the naming of 'public roads' and 'private roads', on 13 June 2000 the City Projects Committee adopted the 'Road Naming Policy' ([Link 1](#)). This policy is now overdue for review.
4. The Administration has completed this review and is now requesting that Council consider the adoption of the revised policy, which will be known as the 'Naming Policy for Roads' (as contained in **Attachment A**).
5. The Administration is requesting that Council adopt the new policy because, whilst section 219(6) of the Act provides that a council may alter a policy or substitute a new policy in relation to naming, Council has not delegated that power.
6. The most significant changes between Council's 'Road Naming Policy' (current) and the 'Naming Policy for Roads' (proposed) are set out below:
 - 6.1. Changes to reflect the naming conventions that are contained within AS/NZS 4819:2011 ("Rural and Urban addressing"), which was developed after the 'Road Naming Policy' was adopted by Council in 2000.
 - 6.2. The requirements for different consultation processes depending on whether a road is "major", or "minor" being replaced with a more general requirement that "broader consultation should be considered if the road name being assigned or changed is for a major road or if the name being proposed could be considered contentious".
 - 6.3. All roads ('public roads' and 'private roads') may be named under the new policy. The 'Road Naming Policy' did not allow this, stating that:

"Where a minor road has no property fronting onto it, or it is considered to be only a minor access lane to a small number of properties, then Council will not allocate a street name to it."

There are many roads (both 'public roads' and 'private roads') that fit this definition yet would benefit from having a name (including the roads shown on this map ([Link 2](#)) noting there are various benefits in a road having a name (beyond addressing purposes) - including for asset management purposes and emergency services purposes.
7. The Surveyor-General is responsible for advising the minister responsible for the *Geographical Names Act 1991 (SA)* (the Minister for Planning) in relation to the naming of places in South Australia. The Surveyor-General was consulted in relation to the drafting of the 'Naming Policy for Roads'.
8. In relation to Council's obligation to adopt a policy for the naming of 'public places' (refer to paragraph 1.3), Council does not currently have a policy.
 - 8.1. The Administration is currently working with the Surveyor-General to address anomalies with the names that have been assigned by Council in the Park Lands.
 - 8.2. Once that work has been completed the Administration will bring a further report back to Council, requesting its consideration and policy adoption for the naming of 'public places'.

Next steps

9. If Council adopts the 'Naming Policy for Roads', notice will be given in the SA Government Gazette, The Advertiser and on the City of Adelaide website, as required under section 219(7) of the Act'.
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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – ‘Road Naming Policy’ (existing)

Link 2 – Unnamed roads

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Naming Policy for Roads

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