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Action: Enacted as Amended

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 85-35

ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM STREET NAMING SYSTEM WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, no official street naming system presently exists for the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, duplicate street names cause problems for emergency services such as police, fire, and medical; and

WHEREAS, an overall street naming system is in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a new chapter to be numbered Chapter 20.32 to read as follows:

20.32.010 Purpose. A. To establish an official base map of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

B. To establish a uniform street naming system.

20.32.020 Street name changes. A. The changing of street names which are shown on recorded plats within the Kenai Peninsula Borough is discretionary with the Planning Commission.

B. No statement within the body of this ordinance shall be construed to require the Planning Commission or Assembly to change a street name.

C. Street names adopted by Council action of any city within the Borough area prior to adoption of this ordinance are hereby recognized for incorporation into the official Street Name map.

20.32.030 Official street name map. This ordinance shall establish the 1:500 scale Borough base maps as the official street name maps of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The official street name maps shall supercede right-of-way names on plats or other recorded documents.

20.32.040 Street naming.

A. Rules for naming:

1. Street names designated upon subdivision plats or

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otherwise approved by the Planning Commission shall be shown upon the official base map.

2. New or changed street names shall not duplicate existing recognized street names within the Borough and shall conform to the uniform street naming system adopted by the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. (Attached Appendix A.)
3. Streets which are direct extensions of existing streets shall continue with the same street name unless interrupted by a major break.
4. No street shall be named by a letter or a number unless letters and numbers are parts of an overall area plan.
5. Streets may not be named or designated so that any street within the Borough has a name sounding similar to or identical to the name of any other street within the Borough. Differentiation by varying tag names shall not be sufficient to achieve this purpose.
6. When an existing thoroughfare carries more than one name, it shall bear the name under which it currently traverses the longest distance unless the Planning Commission determines that another and different name would be more desirable.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 5 of this section, the Planning Commission may allow duplication of names when it determines it is in the public interest to do so.

B. Rules for renaming:

Public Roads

1. The Borough Mayor or designee and local municipalities may propose to the Planning Commission naming or renaming of public rights-of-way so as to bring the names in closer conformity with the rules established in Section 20.32.050.
2. The Planning Commission by Resolution may change, rename, or name an existing dedicated right-of-way, public road easement, or newly established street within the Borough at any time after the adoption of this ordinance upon notification of adjoining property owners, public hearing, and after consultation with municipalities effected.
- 2A. The Planning Commission shall recognize city resolutions designating road names unless the Commission finds the recommended name causes conflict with the overall street name program.

3. Persons requesting a street name change shall petition the Planning Commission. The petition for street name change shall contain:
  - a) The reason for changing the street name.
  - b) The existing street name.
  - c) The proposed street name.
  - d) The signatures of 75% of the owners of the property fronting the street, and the legal description of the property fronting on the street owned by each petitioner.
  - e) A map showing the location of the subject street.
4. A fee in amount determined by Resolution of the Planning Commission shall accompany the petition for the street name change.
- C. Private Roads Names:
  1. Individual citizens may propose to the Planning Commission naming or renaming of private roads and undedicated easements only by petition of 65% of the owners of land fronting on that roadway.
  2. Upon petition of 65% of the adjoining property owners, the Planning Commission may recognize, place on file and enter on the official base map in a distinctive manner a non-duplicative name.

20.32.050 Uniform street designations (tag names).

A. Tag names (Street, Avenue, etc.) shall be indicative of their alignment and character as in Appendix A.

B. It is the intent that primary names will not be duplicated regardless of the tag name used.

C. All new or renamed streets shall be given tag names in accordance with Appendix A of this ordinance and consistent with Chapter 20.20 and as follows:

1. Avenue means any roadway running in an east-west direction for a distance of more than 1,400 feet.
2. Circle means any roadway running in a north-south direction for a distance of less than 1,000 feet and ending in a cul-de-sac.
3. Court means any roadway running in an east-west direction for a distance of less than 1,000 feet and ending in a cul-de-sac.
4. Drive means any roadway running in a northeast-southwest direction for a distance of more than 1,400 feet.

5. Lane means any roadway running in northwest-southeast direction for a distance of more than 1,400 feet.
6. Loop means any thoroughfare branching off an other thoroughfare and returning to that same thoroughfare.
7. Road means any roadway making multiple directional changes which make other designations inappropriate.
8. Street means any roadway running in a north-south direction for a distance of more than 1,400 feet.

D. Nothing in Section 20.32.060 should be construed so as to prevent the Planning Commission from consideration of other tag names for unique or historical purposes.

20.32.060 Definitions.

MAJOR BREAK - Any right-of-way, highway water body, or topographical feature that will not allow natural continuation of the roadway.

ROAD, PUBLIC DEDICATED - Any right-of-way for public use dedicated by either plat or document for public use.

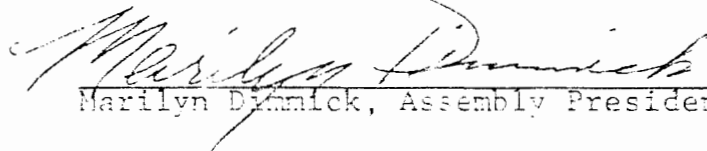
ROAD, PRIVATE - Any travelway that has not been dedicated for public use.

STREET - A general term used to describe a right-of-way serving as a means of vehicular and pedestrian travel.

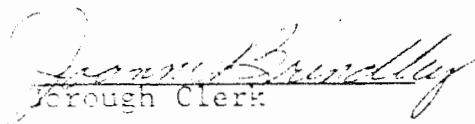
CUI-DE-SAC - A street less than 1,000 feet in length designed to have one end permanently closed with provision at the closed end for a vehicular turnaround.

Section 2. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

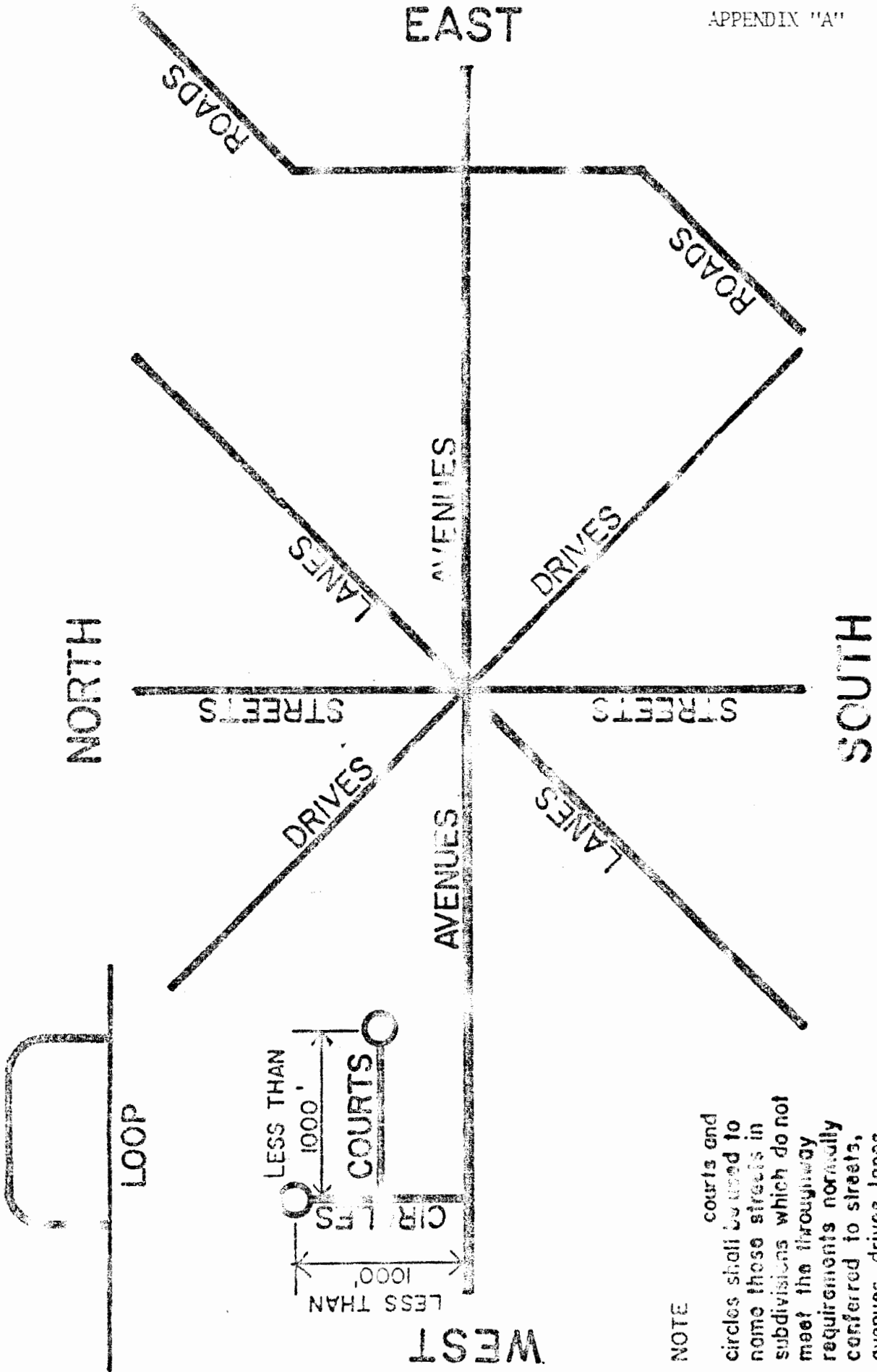
ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 4th DAY OF June, 1985.

  
Marilyn Dimmick, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Joseph Bradley  
Borough Clerk

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH METHOD OF STREET NAMING



NOTE  
 courts and  
 circles shall be used to  
 name those streets in  
 subdivisions which do not  
 meet the throughway  
 requirements normally  
 conferred to streets,  
 avenues, drives, lanes,  
 and roads.

