

Village of Lake Isabella

Naming Policy (Adopted October 2005)

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to establish criteria to be used by the Village of Lake Isabella in the naming of any current or future Village road, building, park, airport, prominent feature, or facility. The purpose of establishing such criteria is to ensure that names are not duplicated; official names are designated to reduce confusion, and to give proper honor and respect to community figures and organizations of noteworthy consideration.

II. Scope

This policy shall apply to all property and assets under the ownership of the Village of Lake Isabella, a municipal corporation, and shall be in full effect upon adoption.

III. Regulations

1. The Village shall not designate an official name in honor of an individual person or persons unless all of the following are met:
 - a. The person has been deceased for at least 3 years.
 - b. The person, either through service, leadership, or financial contribution, made significant contributions to the community of Lake Isabella.
 - c. Only one location of any kind may be named by the Village in honor of a person, persons or organization. Names of locations, buildings or other facilities that are used by the Lake Isabella Property Owners Association shall not counted against the single location rule of the Village. However, proper consideration by the Village shall be made to ensure that there is no confusion between any common names that the Village and the LIPOA may both desire to use.
 - d. The requirement under (1-a.) may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Village Council.
2. In general, when not named in honor of an individual person or persons, names for locations of any nature, other than roads, established by the Village should reflect geographical, topographical, historical relevance, or the function of that facility.
3. Names for roads in the Village shall follow the established themes for road names in the Village, which are:
 - a. Names of Spanish origin.
 - b. Names relating to golf.
 - c. Names common to the British Isles.
 - d. Names associated with the lake.
4. Names for streets shall also not be a duplicate of any other street name in Isabella County. It is the responsibility of the Village Street Administrator to check for conformity with Isabella County Central Dispatch on this matter.

5. All official names shall be approved by the Village Council, unless such name is that of a road which is part of a site plan review for a planned unit development, site condominium, plat, land division or similar application under review by the Planning Commission, in which case the Planning Commission is granted the authority to approve such road names. Requests for official name designation shall be done at the request of the Village Manager, any member of the Village Council, or via an application submitted to the Village office.
6. It shall be the duty of the Village Manager to establish a process for consideration and any documents needed to create an open and fair nomination process.
7. It shall be the duty of the Village Manager to maintain an accurate and up to date list of all official names of the Village of Lake Isabella.
8. Before any name shall be officially given, the Village Council shall allow a 45 day period of public comment to occur before making their final designation.
9. In cases of naming of a location in honor of a financial gift, the Village may at no future time amend the name officially given to that location unless it obtains the express written permission of the donor or their legal assigned heirs to so do.

Policy adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Isabella Village Council, held on October 18th, 2005.

The Vote on this policy was as follows:

YEAS: Grey, Griffin, Kiel, Torgerson, Adkins, and Hughes

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Dunn