

GENERAL INFORMATION

Road Naming Requirements:

Section 15.08.090 of the Hood River County Code requires “public or private drives and ways serving four or more houses and longer than 600 feet be assigned a name pursuant to section 15.08.070.”

Section 15.08.070 states, “all streets, roads and public or private ways running in a general east-west direction shall be known as *drives*, those running in a general north-south direction shall be known as *roads*, and those commencing and ending on the same street within one mile may be called a *loop*.”

Review Process:

The County Planning Department has a list of 60 names that the Hood River County Board of Commissioners has pre-approved. If the proposed name comes from this pre-approved list, no public hearing is required, unless concerns are raised by abutting property owners or other road residents. This list of names is attached to this application form.

A public hearing in front of the Board of Commissioners is required unless the request is part of a partition or subdivision application or if the request comes from the pre-approved list of names and if no concerns are raised by abutting property owners or other road residents about the proposed name(s).

The road naming process will take approximately three weeks to complete if no public hearing is required at the Board of Commissioners. If a public hearing is required, the process will take approximately 6 weeks.

Review by the Board of Commissioners occurs in two meetings; one meeting to set the date of the public hearing and one for the actual public hearing.

If the road naming request is part of a partition or subdivision, it will be required that the approved road name be shown on the final partition or subdivision plat.

Notice Requirements:

Section 15.08.100 requires that each abutting property owner be notice by regular mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notice is also provided to affected agencies and is published in the Hood River News. Notice is completed by the Planning Department as part of the regular application process.

Application Suggestions:

It is highly recommended that an applicant for road naming contact all abutting property owners and other road residents prior to making application so that they can be involved in the name selection.

Multiple road names are suggested in case your primary choice(s) is considered similar to or a duplicate of an existing road within the County.