

ORDINANCE NO. NS-XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA ANA AMENDING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 33 OF
THE SANTA ANA MUNICIPAL CODE (STREETS,
SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC WORKS) RELATING TO
CEREMONIAL STREET NAMING

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. NS-3024 amending Chapter 33 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Works) by adding Article XI enabling ceremonial naming of streets to recognize outstanding individuals or events that have made a significant impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, the number of streets in the City are finite; and

WHEREAS, a limitation on the manner and number of ceremonial street signs for any one individual or event is needed to maximize the opportunity to honor Santa Ana individuals or events deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, this limitation shall not apply retroactively to any ceremonial streets that have already been designated by the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The recitals above are each incorporated by reference and adopted as findings by the City Council.

Section 2. Section 33-260 (General provisions) of Article XI of Chapter 33 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33-260. - General provisions.

- (a) Only entire blocks of public streets or intersections may be granted ceremonial street names.
- (b) A ceremonial street naming application may only be initiated by:
 - (1) A resident or owner of a property abutting the street; or
 - (2) Neighborhood or community groups; or
 - (3) A current City Councilmember.

- (c) Candidates for ceremonial street names shall be limited to the name of an individual, philanthropic organization, significant event or landmark.
- (d) Ceremonial street names shall be in the form of a "Sign Topper," which is a sheet metal sign that is placed on top of the standard City street sign identification and shall adhere to the following specifications:
 - (1) Ceremonial street naming cannot contain a product name or be used for a commercial purpose.
 - (2) Ceremonial street naming must be a name of an individual, philanthropic organization, landmarks or an event.
 - (3) A ceremonial street Sign Topper must include the word "Honorary."
 - (4) Only one (1) Sign Topper may be placed on any pole.
 - (5) Sign Toppers shall not be attached to traffic signal mast arms.
 - (6) Ceremonial names shall not duplicate any currently existing official street names.
 - (7) Up to five (5) Sign Toppers may be located at any one intersection, coincident with existing street name signs.
 - (8) Sign Toppers may not be attached to traffic signal poles.
 - (9) No one (1) candidate may receive City Council approval for a Sign Topper recognition on more than one (1) street or intersection.
 - (10) Each ceremonial street name shall cover a street section comprising a maximum of two (2) contiguous blocks and shall be applied to a single street, where no more than two (2) Sign Toppers shall be installed on existing poles at either end of the designated street section.

Section 3. The City Council finds and determines that this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, as there is no possibility it will have a significant effect on the environment and it is not a "project", as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Santa Ana hereby declares that

it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Council shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published as required by law.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Valerie Amezcua
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: 
Brandon Salvatierra
Deputy City Attorney

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Jennifer L. Hall, City Clerk, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Ordinance No. NS-_____ to be the original ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____, and that said ordinance was published in accordance with the Charter of the City of Santa Ana.

Date: _____

City Clerk
City of Santa Ana