

**CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 823**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 14, STREETS AND PUBLIC WORKS, BY ADOPTING CHAPTER 4, CEREMONIAL STREET SIGNS AND NAMING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma wishes to provide opportunities to recognize individual citizens who have contributed greatly to the benefit of the community, state or nation through actions, deeds and service; and

**WHEREAS**, the ceremonial naming of public roadways, or sections thereof, is a public way of memorializing the contributions of those citizens.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA, THAT:**

**SECTION I.** Part 14, Streets and Public Works, Chapter 4, Ceremonial Street Signs and Naming, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma is hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

**CHAPTER 4**

**CEREMONIAL STREET SIGNS AND NAMING**

Section 14-401      **CRITERIA**

- A. Prospective honorees should have a minimum of 10 years community involvement and have demonstrated an extraordinary and consistent commitment and dedication to the community.
- B. Consideration may be given to prospective honorees who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to service on a statewide or national level.
- C. Prospective honorees must have been deceased for at least two years prior to consideration.
- D. Individuals must not have a history that could be construed as a blemish on the City or its citizens.

- E. Individuals may only be honored with a ceremonial street name on one roadway at a time.

Section 14-402      GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. No more than two (2) intersecting ceremonial street toppers are allowed on a single street sign pole.
- B. A street, or portion of the street, may only have one ceremonial street name.
- C. Ceremonial street names cannot contain a product name or be used for commercial purposes.
- D. Ceremonial street names may be used to designate special areas or districts within the City.
- E. Ceremonial street naming toppers can be installed only at locations with existing street signs.
- F. Street topper design will limit the number of characters allowed on the ceremonial street sign based on the topper design designated by the City.
- G. Ceremonial street name toppers will have a sunset/termination date ten (10) years after date of installation.

Section 14-403      APPLICATION

- A. A ceremonial street naming application may be initiated by:
  - 1. An owner of property abutting the street proposed for ceremonial naming by submitting a petition of at least fifty one percent (51%) of the owners of all lots abutting the street supporting the ceremonial street naming.
  - 2. A City of Coweta citizen by submitting a petition of at least fifty one percent (51%) of the owners of all lots abutting the street supporting the ceremonial street naming.
  - 3. A three-fifths (3/5) vote of the Coweta City Council.
- B. An application for a ceremonial street naming must be filed with the Community Development Department on an application form to be furnished by the department. The application must include:
  - 1. Application fee per the then current City of Coweta Fee Schedule.

2. Site plan showing location and boundaries of street proposed for ceremonial renaming.
3. Supporting documents showing significant contributions made by the prospective honoree.
4. Written statement meeting the ceremonial street naming criteria in accordance with this Chapter.
5. Document(s) affirming the integrity and character of the prospective honoree.
6. Roadway's functional classification within the Coweta Major Streets and Highways Plan.
7. Proposed ceremonial street name.

C. Ceremonial street naming can be changed or removed by an application process following the same steps as for ceremonial street naming.

D. Ceremonial street names will be removed by the City if honoree is determined to have a dishonorable history. Note: If so determined, no refunds will be issued if sign has been manufactured and/or installed.

#### Section 14-404 APPROVAL PROCESS

A. The City Council shall hold a public hearing to accept public comment prior to approving any ceremonial street naming under this Chapter.

B. Notice of the public hearing before the City Council must be advertised at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Coweta and a copy of the notice shall be mailed to the last known mailing address of the prospective honoree

C. City Council may approve, make modifications, or deny the application based on the testimony presented at the public hearing, the length of the proposed street for ceremonial naming, and the application meeting the ceremonial street naming criteria standards in this chapter.

D. The favorable vote of four-fifths (4/5) of all members of the City Council to approve an application is required if a written protest against the ceremonial street naming has been signed by the owners of at least twenty percent (20%) of all lots abutting the street.

Section 14-405      IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE

A. After City Council's approval, City staff will be responsible for the installation and implementation of the ceremonial street naming sign toppers. They will provide the dimension, design, and color schemes that uniquely identify the ceremonial street naming sign toppers.

B. An additional fee will be charged to cover the cost of the ceremonial street name sign toppers for fabrication, mounting brackets, and installation.

C. The City shall determine the location and number of toppers to be installed along a length of street. Attention will be given to the suggestions of the applicant regarding locations for toppers.

D. The City is not responsible for replacing ceremonial street name toppers due to vandalism, theft, damage, or normal wear and tear. The City may remove any ceremonial street naming sign toppers that have become unsightly without replacing them.

E. The City of Coweta is responsible for removing ceremonial street naming toppers ten (10) years after their installation date.

**SECTION II.** Any ordinance or parts of ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.** An emergency exists for the preservation of the public, peace, and safety, and therefore this ordinance shall become effective from and after the time of its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** and the emergency clause ruled upon separately this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Casteen, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Ronald D. Cates, City Attorney