

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 23-31

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 315 "PROCEDURE TO NAME
PUBLIC SPACES" OF THE GENERAL LEGISLATION OF THE CITY OF
ENGLEWOOD**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Englewood has many noted individuals and organizations worthy of honor; and

WHEREAS, it is a common practice to co-name an existing street, parks or public buildings to honor and commemorate an individual or organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood does not have guidelines on the process of co-naming streets, parks or buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Englewood wishes to establish Chapter 315 "Procedure to Name Public Spaces" for such guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Englewood, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 315 "Procedure to Name Public Spaces" is hereby established and made part of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Englewood:

CHAPTER 315
PROCEDURE TO NAME PUBLIC SPACES

Section 1. Chapter 315, entitled, "Procedure to Name Public Spaces" of the City Code of the City of Englewood is established as follows:

§315-1 Streets, Parks and Public Buildings

Streets, parks and public buildings located within the boundaries of the City of Englewood will be considered for co-naming in honor of individuals or organizations subject to the following criteria established by the City Council of the City of Englewood. The standards set forth in this document are only guidelines for the City Council.

- A. Street, parks, and public buildings co-naming requests will be decided by the City Council. This includes any plaque, statue, tree, shrub, landscaping or other object or thing constructed, erected, planted or otherwise located on City owned property on a long term basis, to commemorate or memorialize any person, place or event. Public Buildings includes any rooms within buildings (i.e., a conference room or auditorium)

- B. Prospective honorees should have demonstrated an extraordinary and consistent voluntary commitment and dedication to the community, or who have contributed significantly to the City of Englewood or national life and have lived or otherwise are identified with this community in a substantial way.
- C. The City Council may also in its discretion, grant a naming where the proponent sets forth a rationale which, although not falling precisely within these guidelines, demonstrates extraordinary and highly acclaimed accomplishment or involvement linked to the City of Englewood to such an extent that it meets the spirit of these guidelines.
- D. An application to co-name a street for an individual already honored in a similar fashion will be discouraged by the City Council.
- E. In general, the street or corner to be co-named will be the street or corner closest to the residence of the prospective honoree, or the place with which they are most closely associated. In general, multiple co-namings of the same street or corner is discouraged.
- F. Each application will be considered on its own merit, without regard to precedence.
- G. The City Council may deny approval of an application if it feels, in its sole discretion that such a co-naming despite meeting all of its customary guidelines would tend to bring disrepute upon the community for any reason or would not, in the opinion of the City Council, be looked upon favorably by an overwhelming majority of the residents of the district.
- H. The City Council will receive the applications and will take any action by December 31 of the same year. The Council may choose to approve an application, deny an application or take no official action on an application, which will, in effect, be similar to a denial.
- I. Naming opportunities associated with philanthropic efforts (i.e., a sports field named for a commercial entity, a room named in honor of a donor) will be addressed separately and individually by the City Council for potential approval and not be subject to the above policies.
- J. City Council approval of all co-namings will require a majority for approval.

§315-2 Application Requirements

A. Applications.

Applications shall be made upon a form provided by the City Manager's Office and shall contain the following information:

- 1. Street, Parks, Buildings, Rooms Co-naming application, which must be completely filled out, including the proposed honorees name, address and a succinct yet detailed outline

indicating why the honoree should be bestowed the honor of having a street, park or building co-named after them.

2. A brief biographical description such as the date and location of birth, when the individual became part of the community, the connection between the proposed street to be co-named and the prospective honored, and why (s)he should be memorialized with a street co-naming.
3. The total number of residences and businesses on the affected block (or blocks, for a corner co-naming), e.g.: xx apartment buildings with yy units and zz ground-floor businesses.

B. Petition

1. A petition demonstrating community support for the co-naming proposal which must include the name and location of the proposed co-naming and a brief summary of the reason for same. A street co-naming must have a petition signed by a minimum of 50 people, a majority of whom reside or have businesses within a two-block radius of the proposed co-naming; and must include the printed name and address of each person signing. A park, building or room within a building must have a petition signed by a minimum of 300 people, including at least 50 from each ward. Under special circumstances the City Council may consider and relax the number of required signatures on an individual case basis, but any such action will not set a precedent.
2. The individual or organization requesting the nomination of the co-naming will be responsible for the petition signing and shall also be responsible for the cost of additional signage, which must be approved by the City Council.

Section 2. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the City of Englewood, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Englewood are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FIRST READING DATE: December 5, 2023

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Cobb		Y
Maron		Y
Rosenzweig	X	Y
Wilson		Y
Wisotsky		Y

DATE PUBLISHED IN THE RECORD: December 11, 2023

DATES PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD: December 19, 2023

DATE SECOND READING HELD: December 19, 2023

COUNCIL	MOTION	OPEN	MOTION	CLOSE	MOTION	ADOPT
Cobb						
Maron						
Rosenzweig						
Wilson						
Wisotsky						

Y=YES

N=OPPOSED

A=ABSTAINED

AB=ABSENT

PRESENTED TO MAYOR:

APPROVED _____

REJECTED _____ (VETO)

DATE SIGNED:_____

MAYOR MICHAEL WILDES

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood.

Yancy Wazirmas, RMC

City Clerk