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DIVISION 2: SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT (TINIAN, ETC.)

§ 20307. Designation of Street and Private Road Names.

(a) It is hereby established that the following rules and regulations for the naming of streets or private roads shall apply. The Tinian Legislative Delegation shall, by resolution, adopt the Official Street and Private Road Name List. All Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan roads will be renamed using names that identified them in the past or with new names, and all new street or private road names or changes to names shall be established in accordance with the standards and procedures hereinafter set forth. If possible, surnames should not be used.

(b) The following standards shall be used in determining and approving street or private road names:

(1) There shall be no duplication of names by sound or spelling (example: Briar Road, Brier Road). Variations of the same name with a different road designation shall be prohibited within the first word of the two-word title or in the road extension (example: Pine Road, Pine Drive; White Pine Road, White Lily Lane);

(2) Preference shall be given to names that reflect local culture and heritage;

(3) When a person's name is to be used for any street, it shall be named only after those individuals no longer living who have made significant contributions to their communities;

(4) Street names shall not contain references to vulgar expressions, religious sects or other terms not in conformance with acceptable community standards;

(5) Street names assigned to streets in delineated communities, subdivisions or areas should, whenever possible, be made up of names within the same "theme." (Example: all flower names, all animal names, all cultural names, etc.);

(6) When a proposed street or private road is in general alignment with an existing street or private road or is planned to be a continuation of the existing street or private road, the existing name and designation should be maintained;

(7) Where a proposed street connects, or aligns with, two different streets each having different names, the Committee shall decide the name to be used, giving consideration to the length, collector status, period of usage and number of residents affected;

(8) Both "L" shaped and "T" shaped streets or private roads should carry the same name if either leg is one-hundred feet or less in length. "L" shaped and "T" shaped streets or private roads over 100 feet in length each should carry a different name on each leg of the "L" or "T;"

(9) For future streets the proposed names shall be submitted to the Committee for review and approval;

(10) In general, street or private road names should not be over sixteen letters in length including spaces, unless otherwise approved by the committee.

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The road designation (e.g.: Dr., Lane, Blvd.) is not counted in the sixteen letters. All names should conform to this limitation except where existing names are to be continued due to alignments;

(11) The street name and address for any dwelling should be determined by the street on which the dwelling fronts. However, in those instances where access is from a different street and the dwelling is not visible from the fronting street, or if the dwelling is not readily accessible to emergency personnel from the fronting street, the street name and address will be assigned based on the access street;

(12) There shall be no duplicating of existing names. The Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan shall assemble, update, and maintain an official list of all road names throughout the municipality for use by all jurisdictions;

(13) No road shall have more than one name along its entire length;

(14) No road name shall contain the words North, South, East or West, or combination thereof, within the road name;

(15) Diagonal streets shall have their direction determined by the least degree angle from the north-south or east-west directions;

(16) Curved streets shall have their direction determined by connecting each end of the street by a straight line (on a map) and then determining the least degree angle from the north-south or east-west directions.

(c) The following designations should be used in naming streets:

(1) Avenue: A north-south street generally running in a straight line;

(2) Boulevard: A street, which is 70' wide or greater, which is usually separated by a median strip, usually landscaped, and which consists of 4 or more lanes;

(3) Court: An east-west cul-de-sac;

(4) Circle: A north-south cul-de-sac or a street that ends on the road from which it began;

(5) Drive: A street generally meandering through rural and/or urban areas;

(6) Lane: A private road or a narrow public road for local traffic only;

(7) Place: A short, non-through local roadway;

(8) Road: A designated street which extends through both urban and rural areas;

(9) Street: An east-west street generally running in a straight line. The use of the terms "Street," "Road," "Boulevard," etc. shall be determined and approved by the Street Naming Committee. The Committee may take into consideration historical factors, including the length of time each street has used the name in question, the date of the original dedication of said street(s), each street's compliance with this Article and any other factor pertinent when considering whether to vary the street's designation.

Source: Tinian LL 15-11, § 2 (2907), modified.

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Commission Comment: The Commission deleted figures that were a mere repetition of words in subsection (b)(8) and (10), and changed the reference to “Chapter” in the above section to “Article” pursuant to its authority by 1 CMC § 3806.