

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 2: SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT (TINIAN, ETC.)

§ 20316. Variances and Appeals.

(a) The standards and requirements of these regulations may be modified or varied by the Committee where the enforcement of the rules will result in extraordinary individual hardship, provided that the public interest is served. An applicant must specifically state the extraordinary hardship caused by the regulations and prove said variance will not cause an adverse effect to the health, safety and welfare of the community. The application shall be made to the Street Naming Committee. The Street Naming Committee shall forward its recommendation to the Mayor within thirty days. Within sixty days of the submission of the application to the Street Naming Committee, the Mayor shall hold one public hearing for a public name change on the application for name change. The hearing shall be held after notice according to CNMI Law. For good cause, the time requirement in this section of the Article to hold a public hearing may be extended an additional thirty days. Any aggrieved party may appeal an adverse final decision to the Superior Court of the CNMI. In granting any such variance or modification, the Committee may impose any conditions necessary to secure substantial compliance with the general principles of this Article.

(b) No changes shall be effective for at least twenty-eight days after an official action by the Committee. All residents and affected property owners shall be mailed notification of the Committee's final decision.

(c) The Street Naming Committee and the Mayor in considering a request for variance shall take into consideration the intent and purpose of this Article, the possible effect of the requested variance on public safety and the integrity and application of the numbering system.

Source: Tinian LL 15-11, § 2 (2916), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed the references to "Chapter" in the above section to "Article" and deleted figures that were mere repetitions of written words pursuant to its authority by 1 CMC § 3806.