



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ordinance amending the County Code by striking Section 98-2 relating to the renaming of County roads.

Recommended Action:

Approval of an ordinance amending the County Code by striking Section 98-2 relating to renaming of County roads.

- The County Code of Ordinances currently has two different sections for renaming county roads.
- The first is Section 98-2, which dates back to a 1949 Special Act and contains newspaper notice provisions not required by Florida Statute.
- The second is Section 154-103, a more recent code that provides multiple approaches for renaming roads:
 - a.) Petition request from 60 percent of affected property owners;
 - b.) Requests from the U.S. Postal Service or an emergency response agency (911); or
 - c.) County Commission initiates in accordance with state law.
- Striking Section 98-2 will allow one County code provision for road renaming requests that is consistent with Florida Statutes.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

5.4 Strive to exceed customer expectations

Summary:

County Code Section 98-2 details a procedure for road renaming. However, Section 98-2 also contains antiquated language from a 1949 Special Act that was converted to County Ordinance when Pinellas became a Charter County. Section 98-2 includes burdensome publishing notice procedures that are not required by state statute. Prior to any future adoption of resolutions changing roadway names, it is recommended the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt an ordinance repealing Section 98-2.

Background Information:

A future request for a resolution involving a roadway name change from Boesch Drive to Blackstone Drive will be forthcoming to the Board for consideration. F.S. § 336.05(1), expressly authorizes the Board to rename unincorporated roads and includes no newspaper publication requirement. These procedures are outlined in County Code Section 154-103 which lays out the instances and procedure by which the BCC may rename roads.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Ordinance repealing Section 98-2