

ARTICLE V. - SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PERSONS AND HISTORICAL EVENTS AND NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES^[12]

Footnotes:

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State Law reference— Public buildings and works, NMSA 1978, § 4-47-2 et seq.

Sec. 2-421. - General policy and procedure.

When it is requested of the county that special public recognition be given to a person or a historical event, the following policies and procedures shall be utilized:

- (1) *Proclamations.* Proclamations may be presented upon the approval of the council chair.
- (2) *County facilities on nonowned property.* Naming county facilities on land not owned by the county shall be subject to the approval of the owner of the land. Plaques placed in such facilities will not need such approval.
- (3) *Proposed projects.* A proposed project or facility shall be given a generic name until a special recognition request is submitted and approved.
- (4) *Procedure for special recognition.* The council chair may initiate consideration of special recognition for a person or a historical event according to the procedures established in this section upon written request with the signatures of at least 25 county registered voters or at the request of a county councilor; provided, however, that no request for a special recognition for a deceased person in naming a building shall be considered until at least five years after that person's death. Other county-owned facilities may be considered for a special recognition for a deceased person six months after that person's death.

(Ord. No. 88-08, § 1, 1988; Code 1985, § 2.83.010; Ord. No. 02-241, § 1, 1-27-2015)

Sec. 2-422. - Administrative committee; hearings.

- (a) Upon initial consideration, the council may direct the county manager to recommend to it the composition of an impartial administrative committee to review the request and formulate a recommendation to the council through the manager. The committee shall minimally have the following representation:
 - (1) Two members of the public who have no connection with the facility, other than being citizens of the county;
 - (2) One representative of the planning and zoning commission appointed in consultation with the chair of the commission;
 - (3) One member of the county staff;
 - (3) One representative from the business community;
 - (5) For facilities used by the utilities department, the utilities board chair shall select one board member.
- (b) The committee shall advertise and hold a public hearing on the request. At the public hearing, the request shall be reviewed and public comment solicited. The request shall show justification for the name and supporting documentation. For the purpose of illustration, not limitation, supporting documentation may include:

- (1) For recognition of a person:
 - a. Years of residency in the county;
 - b. Years of service to the community;
 - c. Significant contributions to the community.
- (2) Significance of the person or event to the community;
- (3) Significance of the person or event to the facility that may be named or in which a plaque may be placed.
- (c) After the public hearing, the committee can request more information or consider the request. The committee shall consider alternative forms of recognition, such as an appropriately placed plaque, a proclamation or naming a facility. The committee shall then formulate a draft recommendation for the type of recognition or recommend denial of the request.
- (d) For recommendation related to the utilities department, the recommendation shall first be reviewed by the utilities board. The committee draft recommendation shall be forwarded to the manager and individual councilors for comment.
- (e) After consideration of all comments, the committee shall forward its final recommendations to the council for its action.

(Ord. No. 88-08, § 1, 1988; Code 1985, § 2.83.020; Ord. No. 02-256, § 6, 7-7-2015)

Sec. 2-423. - Renaming of roads and streets.

These policies and procedures shall apply to the renaming of county-owned roads and streets.

(Ord. No. 88-08, § 1, 1988; Code 1985, § 2.83.030)