

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS CODE ORDINANCE 02-312

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, SECTION 2-421
OF THE CODE OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS
REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS, naming public facilities after persons important to the nation or a particular community is a common practice in the United States; and

WHEREAS, naming a public facility after a person who has made a significant contribution to a community or the nation is an appropriate method of recognition; and

WHEREAS, the passage of time after the death of a person can allow for a cooling of passions and provide for a determination of appropriate recognition through the lens of history; and

WHEREAS, the passage of time can allow the community to be reminded again of the good works and benefits provided by the person to be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS:

Section 1. Section 2-421 of the Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

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 shall be considered for a person unless that person is deceased.~~ A building cannot be named 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.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication of notice of its adoption.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

ADOPTED this 25th day of May 2021.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

**Randall T. Ryti,
Council Chair**

ATTEST:

**Naomi D. Maestas,
Los Alamos County Clerk**