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AN ORDINANCE relating to road names; and amending Ordinance 8766,

Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.08.060.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 8766, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.08.060 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A.1. Notwithstanding ~~((the provisions of sections))~~ K.C.C. 16.08.010 and 16.08.020 ~~((of this chapter))~~, the ~~((county))~~ council reserves the option of changing street names or changing numbered streets to named streets.

2. An ~~((A))~~ application ~~((s))~~ to the council for street renaming shall contain the signatures of the majority of persons having ownership in properties addressed on the street to be renamed.

3. The council shall mail ~~((N))~~ notice of a proposed name change ~~((s shall be mailed))~~ to all property owners whose addresses would be changed at least twenty days ~~((prior to))~~ before council action. A change of street name ~~((s))~~ shall be accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance ~~((directing the change))~~.

B. The council shall consider technical input from the department, locational and development characteristics relative to the street, and the impact of the change on existing businesses and residences, as well as on emergency vehicle responsiveness, in determining whether the change should be made. Only entire street lengths or distinct major portions of streets shall be separately renamed by the county. For purposes of this chapter, "distinct major portions" shall mean a separate portion of a street identifiable by either a directional shift of a least forty-five degrees or an interrupted interval of at least one quarter mile.

C.1. An honorary street designation is a secondary name for a street or a portion of a street that does not

replace the legal name of the street. The honorary street designation shall be denoted by signage that augments but does not replace signage for the legal street name required for emergency service access. If a street or a portion of a street, except intersecting streets, has been designated with an honorary street name, no other honorary name shall be given to the street or section of a street. The signs shall meet the standard street sign criteria for size and shape with a brown background and white lettering, and shall be placed underneath signs designating the legal street name.

2. The council may make an honorary designation of a street or portion of a street by the adoption of an ordinance. Honorary street name designation shall be limited to individuals, organizations, entities and events of local significance to the county as determined by the county council. The actual costs of manufacturing, designing and installation of signage or any replacement signs due to damage, theft or vandalism shall be paid to the road services division by the applicant requesting the honorary designation before the signage is manufactured and installed.

3. An application to the council for honorary street renaming shall contain a list of all persons having ownership in properties addressed on the street to be given the honorary designation and the signatures of the majority of those persons indicating acquiescence in the honorary street designation. The application shall include a statement recognizing that costs defined in subsection C.2. of this section shall be borne by the applicant and noting that the legal name of the street will not change.

4. The council shall mail notice of a proposed honorary name designation to all property owners on the affected street at least twenty days before council action.