

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: STREET NAME CHANGE



File Number: 4-A-25-SNC Related File Number:
Application Filed: 2/24/2025 Date of Revision:
Applicant: CATHY OLSEN / KNOX COUNTY ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location:

Other Parcel Info.:

Tax ID Number: 90 N/A

Jurisdiction: County

Size of Tract:

Accessibility:

GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

Existing Land Use:

Surrounding Land Use:

Proposed Use:

Density:

Planning Sector: Northwest County

Plan Designation:

Growth Policy Plan: Planned Growth Area

Neighborhood Context:

ADDRESS/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)

Street: Coward Mill Rd.

Location: Between a point 45.95 ft southwest of the southeast corner of parcel 090 075 and its northern terminus

Proposed Street Name: George Coward Ln.

Department-Utility Report:

Reason: The Coward Mill Phase 2 Capital Project widened and realigned Coward Mill Rd, resulting in two dead-end segments of public ROW needing a new street name per Addressing and 911 guidelines.

ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Zoning:

Former Zoning:

Requested Zoning:

Previous Requests:

Extension of Zone:

History of Zoning:

PLAN INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Plan Category:

Requested Plan Category:

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)

Subdivision Name:

No. of Lots Proposed:

No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.: The Coward Mill Phase 2 Capital Project widened and realigned Coward Mill Rd, resulting in two dead-end segments of public ROW needing a new street name per Addressing and 911 guidelines.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION AND DISPOSITION**Planner In Charge:** Samiul Haque

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): Approve the name change of Coward Mill Road to George Coward Lane as requested by the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.

Staff Recomm. (Full):**Comments:**

1. The Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works (EPW) has proposed changing the street name of Coward Mill Road because of a street realignment. As described in the applicant's reason for change, a capital improvement project for Coward Mill Road has resulted in two dead-end segments.
2. Both dead-end segments require new names per Addressing and Knox County Emergency Communications District (Knox 911) guidelines and separate applications have been submitted for these segments.
3. Approval of this request will result in the redressing of two of three abutting parcels. On behalf of EPW, Planning coordinated with the property owners adjacent to the disconnected segment of Coward Mill Road for input on the new proposed street name. Despite attempts to reach all property owners, only one owner submitted street names for consideration. Unfortunately, none of the submitted names were approvable by staff.
4. In the third and final letter to property owners, Planning staff provided three pre-approved street names for consideration; however, no responses were received. Consequently, EPW selected George Coward Lane for the proposed street name change based on the history of the mill. EPW also mailed a notice of proposed street name change to owners on February 24, 2025.
5. Planning has received no objections to the renaming of this right-of-way.
6. The name change meets all requirements of the County's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 54, Article II).

Action: Approved**Meeting Date:** 4/10/2025**Details of Action:**

Summary of Action: Approve the name change of Coward Mill Road to George Coward Lane as requested by the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.

Date of Approval: 4/10/2025**Date of Denial:****Postponements:****Date of Withdrawal:****Withdrawn prior to publication?:** ☐ **Action Appealed?:****LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION****Legislative Body:** Knox County Commission**Date of Legislative Action:** 5/12/2025**Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:****Ordinance Number:****Other Ordinance Number References:****Disposition of Case:****Disposition of Case, Second Reading:****If "Other":****If "Other":****Amendments:****Amendments:****Date of Legislative Appeal:****Effective Date of Ordinance:**