

LUCAS COUNTY



ADDRESSING ADVISORY GROUP

STREET NAME GUIDELINE as of July 15, 2016

1. A full street name should be unique and used only once within the county. Furthermore, duplication should not occur between any portion of an adjacent county in which a ZIP code overlaps contiguous jurisdictions
2. Where possible street names should be related to a single theme (e.g. flowers, states, presidents) in subdivisions. Also, consideration should be given to naming streets in alphabetical order to further aid navigation.
3. Two-word names or one-word names that can be confused as two-word names should not be used. This avoids the problem of two words being combined into one word, or vice versa, when entered.
4. Streets shall not be named after any commercial organization or in a manner to honor any living person.
5. Every street shall be assigned a street type. Street types carry certain expectations of the length, shape, direction, width and other characteristics of a road. These expectations should not be violated. See “definitions” section.
6. The use of prefixes or suffixes designations, such as drive, place, walk, via, etc., shall not be considered as effecting a distinction in the basic name. (e.g. Eagle Way Dr.)
7. The use of cardinal or inter-cardinal directional words, (e.g. North, South, Northwest, Southeast etc.) should not be considered part of the base street name.
8. Names of existing streets shall be used on new streets which are continuations of, or in alignment with, existing streets.

9. Residential streets that make a significant turn (i.e. > 45°) in direction should be assigned a new street name and address range to ease navigation and to accommodate addressing.
10. Streets adjacent to a freeway shall be given different names on each side of such freeway.
11. A full street name shall not contain more than 18-letter characters, including any combinations of a pre-direction, street name, street type and spaces.
12. Street names containing punctuation or special characters (e.g. J.F.K.) should be avoided, It is also recommended that the names of numbered streets (First St, Sixth St.) be spelled out as opposed to using numbers with suffixes.
13. Similar sounding street names are to be avoided (e.g. Sue vs Sioux) to eliminate identification problems when people are reporting street names under stress.
14. A street name should be appropriate, as well as easy to read, spell, and pronounce – even for children – in an emergency situation.
15. No new street shall begin with the use of “Old” or “New” as a base name

See also:

www.co.lucas.oh.us > Engineer > Planning Dept.> Subdivisions > Lucas County Subdivision Rules and Regulations

DEFINITIONS

STREET NAME PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

ALLEY

A narrow service street for serving rear of lots, less than 30 feet in width. Normally, they do not contain addresses themselves.

AVENUE

One of the most common suffixes, can refer to a small residential street or a major roadway. Within Lucas County many major public roadways named “avenue” denote its peculiar direction as east and west (e.g. Sylvania Ave., Hill Ave.)—as opposed to “road” which is preferred for north and south (e.g. Centennial Rd., Coy Rd) major roadways. A public way named for its objectives or after the thing approached (e.g. Holland Sylvania, Sylvania Metamora)

BOULEVARD

A broad formally laid out paved public way, 100 feet or more wide, ornamentally illuminated or decorated that is of major importance. (e.g. Parkside Blvd)

CIRCLE

Usually a small residential street whose shape is circular.

COURT

A rectangular pocket or cul-de-sac street. (e.g. Denali Ct.)

COVE

Local road similar to court, and often named after the street it connects to (e.g. Corey Cv.)

CRESCENT

Curve/crescent, often used interchangeably, is usually a short curved street. (e.g. Gray Fox Curv.)

CURVE

See Crescent

DRIVE

A common suffix commonly used in suburban areas both for residential streets and major roadways. (e.g. Hamptons Dr., Riverside Dr.)

HIGHWAY

A publicly owned and maintained way with interurban directness and arterial importance through several cities or communities. (e.g. Airport Hwy.)

LANE

A narrow informal street that is commonly used for dead-ends, usually referring to a small residential street. Lanes are often privately owned. (e.g. Sycamore Woods Ln., Pheasant Ln.)

LOOP

A circumferential way whose shape is that of a half-circle. A street or way which returns into itself. (e.g. East Medical Loop)

MOTORWAY

A truck trail or trail usually for fire equipment usage or service access; (e.g., power lines) not for public use.

PARKWAY

Occasionally designates limited-access highways, but usually used in a way similar to boulevard. (e.g. Greenbelt Pkwy.)

PLACE Usually a small, short residential street or court in a commercial district. (e.g. Audubon Pl., Susan Pl.)

ROAD

A very common suffix used to describe a main roadway in both residential and commercial areas but is used extensively for other types of streets. Many major public roadways named “road” denote its peculiar direction as north and south. Also, public way or highway connecting two or more settlements or towns generally bearing the name or names of the settlements connected. (e.g. Holland Sylvania Rd., Waterville Monclova Rd.)

ROW

A short street or passage.

SQUARE

Square is often used for streets that form a square or rectangle, often with a center park or plaza (e.g. Mayberry Sq.)

STREET

A public way 40 or more feet wide, used to give pedestrian and vehicular traffic access to the various parcels of land making up a community. A public way with a direction contrary to that of avenues of the community.

TERRACE

A short street usually associated with hillside or a terraced feature

TRAIL

Often designates a residential street but can also include major roadways

TURNPIKE

Is used only for limited-access highways.

WALK

A pedestrian way.

WAY

Wide range of use, from an alley-like definition to a residential street to a major roadway in new developments

STREET SUFFIX CLASSIFICATIONS

Major Roads

- Avenue
- Boulevard
- Highway
- Parkway
- Turnpike
- Road
- Street

Small Roads

- Alley
- Avenue
- Cove
- Circle
- Court
- Cove
- Drive
- Place
- Lane
- Loop
- Circle
- Row
- Road
- Street
- Terrace
- Walk
- Way

Cul-de-Sacs

- Court
- Place
- Cove

Shape Named Roads

- Circle
- Crescent
- Curve
- Square
- Loop

APPROVED SUFFIXES WITH THEIR ABBREVIATIONS

- ALY Alley
- AVE Avenue
- BLFS Bluffs
- BLVD Boulevard
- BND Bend
- CIR Circle
- CV Cove
- CRK Creek
- CT Court
- CURV Curve
- DR Drive
- HWY Highway
- LN Lane
- LOOP Loop
- PKWY Parkway
- PA Path
- PL Place
- PLZ Plaza
- RD Road
- RDG Ridge
- RUN Run
- SQ Square
- ST Street
- TER Terrace
- TRL Trail
- TPKE Turnpike
- WY Way
- XING Crossing