



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-131, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA DATE:** 1/18/2020

**TITLE:**

Road Naming and Property Numbering Ordinance and Manual

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Resolution to amend the Albemarle County Road Naming and Property Numbering Manual and authorization to schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Road Naming and Property Numbering Ordinance

**ITEM TYPE:** Consent Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Filardo, Herrick, McCulley, Pohl, Emerick

**PRESENTER (S):** N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** Standards and specifications relative to road naming, road signage, and property numbering are guided by County Code § 7-200. In 1992, the County adopted the Road Naming and Property Numbering Ordinance and Manual to improve delivery of emergency services and to assure consistent addressing and road naming standards and procedures, and incorporated them into the County Code by reference. In both 2001 and 2002, changes were adopted to both the Road Naming and Property Numbering Ordinance and Manual. In 2017, the Manual was amended to incorporate half numbers.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides national standards for traffic control devices through publication of the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways (MUTCD), which was last updated in 2009 and included changes that affect the County Manual. Updates to the County Manual include those updates.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission: to enhance the well-being of all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service.

**DISCUSSION:** This Ordinance amendment includes the updating of the designation of agent to the Director of Community Development, reflecting organizational changes. In addition, the Ordinance and Manual amendments clarify that property numbering is based on addressable structures and provide updates to language for more clarity. The grid system for addressing was removed in its entirety. Further, these recommendations include current MUTCD updates to provide clarity in language and definitions, updates to sign sizes, and updates driven by changes within the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The changes recommended by Staff will result in a change in practice without any additional burden or any required staff additions. Therefore, no budget impact is anticipated at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A) to amend the County's Road Naming and Property Numbering Manual (Attachment B) and to schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of the related proposed Ordinance (Attachment C).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A - Resolution to Amend the Manual

B - Road Naming and Property Numbering Manual showing proposed amendments

C - Proposed Road Naming and Property Numbering Ordinance