



Legislation Text

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Town Code Amendment to Codify Street Name Change

PURPOSE: To request that the Town Council amend the Town Code to change all references of E. Carr Street and W. Carr Street to E. Braxton Foushee Street and W. Braxton Foushee Street.

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☐ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

Section 15-223 of the Land Use Ordinance outlines the process for assigning street names, including appropriate street suffixes as part of development proposals (*Attachment B*); Section 7-32 of the Town Code outlines the process for the Town administrator to assign building numbers. Racial Equity pocket questions are provided (*Attachment D*).

INFORMATION: On November 29, 2023, the Carrboro Town Council considered requests to rename a street within the Town to honor Braxton Foushee. The agenda item is available at this link ([Town of Carrboro - File #: 23-332 \(legistar.com\)](https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6431790&GUID=9C01C8F8-7586-429B-9FBE-305EDD4C2FA9&Options=&Search=>) <<https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6431790&GUID=9C01C8F8-7586-429B-9FBE-305EDD4C2FA9&Options=&Search=>>>. After careful consideration, the Council has decided to proceed with renaming Carr Street to Braxton Foushee Street, as follows:

A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Posada to direct staff to rename East and West Carr St to Braxton Foushee St, to notify residents and what will be required, and how staff can assist in helping residents with the name change. Staff is to come back in three months with a plan and should also notify the Truth Plaque Taskforce in the interest of a Historical Marker. The motion carried unanimously. (Excused: Council Member Foushee)

This decision requires changing the name of the street, which changes all the addresses on that street. Street renaming is an administrative process in which staff communicate with residents and property owners and street names do not conflict with or duplicate ones in the 911 addressing system. The address numbers for many of the properties on these streets will also change, to align with current postal service requirements and best practices. A list of addresses on East Carr Street and West Carr Street affected by these changes, with maps showing the existing and new addresses, are included as *Attachment B*. A letter communicating this change to residents and property owners was sent via first class mail on January 30.

Chapter 6 of the Town Code, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” outlines regulations for local streets, including but not limited to speed limits, parking restrictions, and the placement of signage such as stop signs. A draft

ordinance to the Town Code has been prepared changing references from E. Carr Street and W. Carr Street to E. Braxton Foushee Street and W. Braxton Foushee (*Attachment A*).

FISCAL IMPACT: The process for changing a street name involves costs and staff time for preparing mailings, and fabricating and installing new street signs.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the draft amendment (*Attachment A*) changing references of E. Carr Street and W. Carr Street to E. Braxton Foushee Street and W. Braxton Foushee Street, effective on March 27, 2024.