

DOUGLAS COUNTY STREET NAMING STANDARDS

STREET NAMES:

All public roadways require a name. To insure that uniformity is followed and to preclude difficulties with this, the Douglas County Survey Department will assist local authorities and private owners with roadway naming. All new road names will need to be approved by Douglas County Survey Department prior to approval by the respective Township Officials.

The 9-1-1 System precludes having two roadways with the same name in any jurisdiction. A database of current names will be maintained by the Douglas County Survey Department and will be available to assist in naming roadways.

Wherever possible, when a new roadway is created a unique name should be selected for the roadway. The following rules shall be kept in view during that process:

1. Avoid family or individual names of living persons.
2. If the road is continuous, do not change names at an intersection, a curve or some other point, including changing of political jurisdictions.
3. Avoid sound-a-like names (e.g., Bay View DR, Bayview DR; or Brainard LN, Barnard LN).
4. Use the NENA Recommended Format for roadway names (i.e., Street Name - maximum of 40 characters; Street Suffix - 4 characters; and Post Directional - 2 characters).
5. Do not use special characters in roadway names such as hyphens, apostrophes or dashes.
6. Avoid the use of standard prefix, suffix and post directional as roadway names (e.g., North BLVD, Court ST, Boulevard of the Allies).
7. Avoid the use of non-standard street name suffixes, which may be confused with subdivisions or commercial developments (Top's PLZ, Elmira Place).

PRIVATE ROADWAYS

Some private roadways will need to be named. Whenever two (2) or more residences/businesses are reached off a common private roadway, a unique road name may be needed.

GENERAL ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS for SUFFIXES

Level I roads: State, County or Township roads with large thru traffic flows.

Level II roads: Township roads with moderate thru traffic flows.

Level III roads: Township and Private roads with low thru traffic, or no thru traffic.

Road or Drive - (Level I) Is a road that is accessed from a State, County or Township road

Lane, or Trail - (Level II or III) A road that is not a loop or circle.

Way – (Level II or III) A road that connects to another road at each end.

Loop - (Level II) A road that starts on any road and comes back to the same road at a different location

Circle – (Level II or III) A road that starts from any road and circles back connecting to itself and encompasses real property.

Court, Terrace or Place – (Level III) A road that is a dead end or cul-de-sac.