



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Public Naming Commission Submittal Requirements

The Public Naming Commission was established to implement the Municipality of Anchorage's standards for public naming, as outlined in Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 1.80 – Naming of Public Places.

Commission Vision Statement: We envision a Municipality of Anchorage where the names of public places reflect the full story of our community – the land's history, Indigenous place names, and the cultural, natural, and civic identities of our city. By recognizing stories and landscapes that shape our community, we aim to foster a sense of shared identity and belonging. Our work includes the careful consideration and recommendation of names for Municipal sites, objects, trails, landscapes, and buildings. The Public Naming Commission uses a culturally aware naming process with active community input.

To initiate the naming, renaming, or honorary naming of a Municipal asset (building, park, street, elements within parks and buildings, or another Municipal asset) requires a completed submission form (a blank form is attached to this document). Initial naming of streets and roads is governed by Title 21; renaming of streets and roads is governed by A.M.C. 21.03.185, and public safety considerations. A complete, detailed submission form will assist the Commission in their review of the request.

It is important that the narrative statement on the form contains as much detail and information as possible (additional pages may be used). The narrative statement should explain the rationale for the proposed naming, renaming, or honorary naming.

Key elements of a good narrative statement include:

- **Events** – Any events, contemporary or historical that are relevant to the proposed naming.

- **Cultural Significance** – Any cultural significance to a group or groups of persons, relevant to the proposed naming. It is recommended to have the definition of the indigenous word if it is being requested for naming purposes.
- **Indigenous Significance** - Any historical or cultural relevance to the Dena'ina Athabascan people, or other Indigenous Alaska peoples.
- **Natural Features** – A description of natural features of the asset proposed for naming, including, but not limited to, geographical, geological, and anthropological features.
- **Other Considerations** - Any other cultural, historical, or geographical relevance.
- **Honorary Naming** - If naming for an individual or group, include their positive impacts on the local community and their relationship to the asset proposed for naming. Posthumous naming is limited to no earlier than 36 months posthumously.
- **Documents:** Maps or photos that include the location and boundaries of the asset being proposed for naming, and any letters of support for the naming.

Submission forms are accepted year-round, and the Commission reviews submission on a quarterly basis (February, May, August, and November).

Submit Completed Forms and Additional Documents To:

Mail to: Municipality of Anchorage
Clerk's Office
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Email to: wwmasmc@anchorageak.gov

For questions regarding the Public Naming Commission Submission Form please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at wwmasmc@anchorageak.gov.

For additional information regarding the Public Naming Commission, please visit the Commission's website at www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Pages/Public-Naming-Commission

Consistent with local and state public records laws, completed submission forms and supporting documents are public records and are subject to public records requests.