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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 11-8-05

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2005-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RATIFYING
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-034 AN EXECUTIVE ORDER RE-NAMING ECHO
STREET IN ANCHORAGE TO ECHO CANYON STREET.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

WHEREAS, Echo Street in Anchorage is considered a duplicate of both Echo
Street in Eagle River and of Echo Drive in Girdwood;

WHEREAS, Echo Street in Eagle River is older and has 31 active addresses on it;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Planning Department and Street Addressing
recommend approval of the request to re-name Echo Street in Anchorage to Echo
Canyon Street;

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves: that Executive
Order 2005-034 issued by the Mayor on October 3, 2005, be ratified.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of Anchorage, Alaska, this
8th day of November, 2005.

Anna L. JancloUGH
Chair

ATTEST:

Balme E. Gmunt
Municipal Clerk



ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

2005-034

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CHANGING THE NAME of Echo Street to Echo Canyon Street in Anchorage, municipal grids SW3043 & SW3143

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

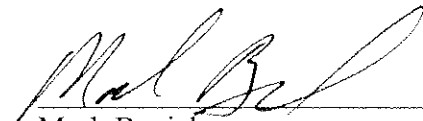
Echo Street in Anchorage shall be named Echo Canyon Street. This order shall be effective 30 days after issuance.

Issued by the Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage this 3rd day
of October, 2005.

APPROVE

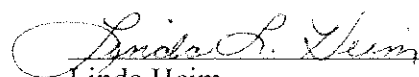
OR

DISAPPROVE



Mark Begich
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Heim
Deputy Municipal Clerk

STREET NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL



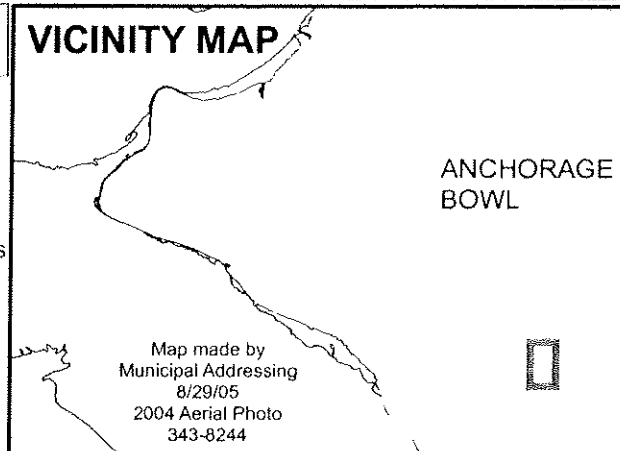
STREET NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

Echo Street in Anchorage is considered a duplicate of both Echo Street in Eagle River and of Echo Drive in Girdwood. (The Girdwood Echo Drive is currently being renamed Echo Ridge Drive.)

As the Echo Street in Eagle River is older and has 31 active addresses on it, it was determined to remain named as-is. Therefore, we sent letters to all property owners along this Echo Street asking for new street name suggestions. We then asked property owners to vote, and the name Echo Canyon Street won the vote.

It is recommended that this street name change is approved.

VICINITY MAP



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AUG 24 2005

14530 Echo Street
Anchorage, AK 99516

MAYOR'S OFFICE

August 23, 2005

Mayor Mark Begich
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mayor Begich:

By means of this letter I am transmitting the enclosed petition signed by the residents of 100% of the occupied properties on Echo Street, all of whom are strongly opposed to Municipal Addressing's proposal to change the name of our street. We believe the proposed mandatory address change is unnecessary and will not result in improved "911" response accuracy. We have endeavored to discuss our concerns with the Municipal employee in charge of this project, but have been unsuccessful in engaging her in any substantive dialogue on the issues. She asserts that you are the person who made the specific decisions regarding how this program is to be carried out, so it is to you we must appeal for relief.

In a nutshell, all of the "duplicate" streets in question are located in the different communities of Anchorage, Eagle River or Girdwood and these community names show up on "911" dispatcher screens when emergency calls are received. Thus there is already ample information enabling dispatchers to determine the location of the emergency calls received. It's hard to imagine how a call that is identified as Girdwood could result in an ambulance being dispatched to Eagle River! This is in contrast to many other streets with duplicate names located within each particular community, which ironically are not being asked to change at this time.

Our Anchorage Echo Street has been in existence for 40 years, so it is an unnecessary and unfair burden to ask the residents to change their addresses to a less desirable and more cumbersome street name without a more compelling reason other than a desire for uniqueness as perceived by an unaffected bureaucrat.

You must be aware that there are approximately 235 "duplicate" streets in the different communities contained in the Municipality, yet the residents of only approximately 25 are being told they have to change at this time. We feel this is could be an attempt to dilute the widespread opposition that would surely arise if thousands of affected residents were notified simultaneously.

We urge you to reverse this unnecessarily aggravating policy.

Thank you,



Ted Moore



Municipality of Anchorage

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Mayor Mark Begich

Office of the Mayor

September 16, 2005

Ted Moore
14530 Echo Street
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Mr. Moore:

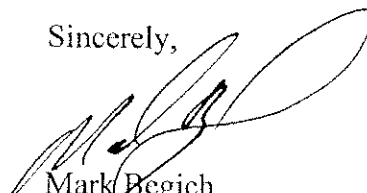
I received your letter of 23 August protesting the name change of your street. As provided by municipal code, I have delivered your petition to the Assembly Clerk's office to trigger the public hearing and appeal process before the Municipal Assembly.

I appreciate that we are necessarily inconveniencing a number of Anchorage residents by eliminating duplicate street names within the municipality. Let me assure you that I have personally been involved in this process and made the decisions that affect you and your home only after careful deliberation and long consultation with public safety officials. Our goal throughout this process is to ensure that E911 dispatch operators can accurately guide emergency responders in a time of dire need. Based on advice from our dispatch staff, this requires eliminating duplicate street names within the municipality. While advancing technology has and will likely improve our certainty of the origin of emergency calls, I bear the responsibility of ensuring that we do all we can, within reason, to protect the public's safety and wellbeing.

Our national consultants inform me that we now have one of the best, if not the best, E911 addressing and dispatch systems in the nation. They report our accuracy at 97% and call this outstanding. My question then is what do I tell the other 3% of Anchorage residents? Confusion caused by duplicate street names has unnecessarily delayed emergency responders in the recent past. I aim to reduce the possibility for error to as small a number as we can reasonably expect to achieve.

While I am sympathetic to your concerns, the public safety needs of this city require this action. I look forward to a cordial resolution of this situation at the Assembly.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
Mayor

cc: Residents of Echo Street

Community, Security, Prosperity

Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

AR 2005-264

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT RATIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-034 - RE-NAMING ECHO STREET IN ANCHORAGE TO ECHO CANYON STREET	DATE PREPARED 10/04/05
		<input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Anna Fairclough, Chair
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Linda Heim, Deputy Municipal Clerk	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 343-4314
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
5	Special Instructions/Comments	
	CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION	
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 10/25/05	7
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED 11/8/05

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