

# Memorandum

**Date:** October 17, 2002

**To:** Council Members

**CC:** Cindy Gust-Jenson, Michael Sears

**From:** Council Member Nancy Saxton

**RE:** Legislative Action to Request an Ordinance Standardizing Street Name Stamping

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As the Council Member for District Four, I am requesting the Council's support for a Legislative Action item addressing the issue of street name stamping. Street name stamping offers historical and aesthetic beauty that many residents cherish and wish to preserve within their neighborhood.

Recently, a resident contacted me who expressed concern about a project where new ADA ramps were being installed. It was brought to my attention that when new concrete was poured as part of the project, the street names were not being re-stamped into street corners where stamping previously existed.

City Engineering Division's policy currently states: "It is the policy of engineering to stamp the street names in the new ADA ramps where stamped street names exist in the neighborhood and in historic areas. All City contracts that will construct ADA ramps in the above areas as well as City concrete crews and City public way permitted work is required to comply with this policy." However, I learned that the City does not have any records showing which street corners currently have or had an original street name stamp. As a result, there are many street corners being overlooked by the City.

Therefore, I would like to request that the Administration draft an ordinance requiring that all future City contracts to construct ADA ramps, as well as City concrete crews and City public way permitted work, include provisions for stamping street names. In keeping with the current Administration's policy regarding historic areas, the draft ordinance should also include language stating that historical street name stamps will be preserved, replaced or replicated to preserve the character feature brought about by the historical stamp.

Lastly, as part of this legislative action, I would like to request an opinion from the City Attorney's Office addressing how to replace street name stamping on the street corners

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that have not been re-stamped within the last five years. There are some long-time community members who have the knowledge and pictures of street corners with street name stamps that were not re-stamped at the time new ADA ramps were installed.

I would appreciate the support of the City Council in asking the Administration to draft an ordinance to restore and preserve street name stamping as a historical feature of our City.