Lancaster County	Road Name RN-2023-0530 Staff Report to Planning Commission Meeting Date: April 18, 2023
PROPOSAL:	Approve road/street names in Lancaster County
APPLICABLE LAWS:	Chapter 6 of Lancaster County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO); SC Code of Laws 6-29-1200
APPLICANT:	Lancaster County
STATUTORY NOTICES:	Meeting notice published 4/01/2023 in The Lancaster News And 4/05/2023 in Carolina Gateway Posted agenda in lobby 4/11/2023

PROJECT SUMMARY & PROPOSAL:

Proposal to approve street names in Lancaster County

BACKGROUND:

While working with the Technical Review Committee (TRC) and the UDO rewrite, staff discovered that the road naming process did not involve the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

The South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 6-29-1200 (A), states the following:

(A) A local planning commission created under the provisions of this chapter [the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994] shall, by proper certificate, approve and authorize the name of a street or road laid out within the territory over which the commission has jurisdiction. It is unlawful for a person in laying out a new street or road to name the street or road on a plat, by a marking or in a deed or instrument without first getting the approval of the planning commission.

Staff reviewed files from recent years and could not find where the Planning Commission had approved new street names. To rectify this, staff presents the entirety of Lancaster County's master street address guide (MSAG) to the Planning Commission for official approval. Staff does not recommend changing any street name or extension in this action; changing a street name is a different process, elaborated in §6-29-1200(B).

Going forward, staff will bring new street names to the Commission for review and approval, and an amendment has been drafted for inclusion in the UDO rewrite.

These actions would bring the county's procedures more in line with state law.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends **approval** of the street names listed in the County's master street address guide.

A sample motion to achieve this action could be stated as:

"I make a motion to approve all existing road and street names for Lancaster County, as listed in the Lancaster County master street address guide, and by this vote, authorize and certify that the road and street names on this list are duly approved by the Lancaster County Planning Commission."

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Lancaster County Master Street Addressing Guide (MSAG) list of road & street names

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