



- c) Properties or structures owned by the County may be named for persons or events of historical or patriotic significance in the United States provided they are related to Lancaster County.
- d) Properties or structures owned by the County may be named for nature or wildlife which are indigenous to Lancaster County.
- e) Any individual nominated for naming rights of a County owned property or structure must be deceased for a minimum of three (3) years.
- f) Properties or structures, owned by the County may be named for individuals who, in the opinion of Council, have made exceptional contributions to the community by having met one or more of the following:
  - 1. Contribution which resulted in the long-term health and/or well being of the people of Lancaster County.
  - 2. Must not have any other property or structures named for them in the County.
  - 3. Nominated individuals must be supported by five letters of recommendation from groups, individuals or communities within the County.
  - 4. Individual must have been actively involved in Lancaster County community affairs for no less than 10 years.
  - 5. Contribution of individual must be of an exceptional quality and/or significance.
  - 6. Efforts of individual must have made a lasting, significant contribution to the County's goals and objectives.
  - 7. Vote by County Council must be unanimous.
- g) Properties or structures owned by the County may be named for individuals, groups or businesses who have made significant donations of land, money or facilities to the County.
  - 1. Any individual, group or business that donates a significant amount of money, land or facilities may be eligible for naming rights to said property.
  - 2. When a property or structure is named in recognition of an honoree, that name will generally be effective for the useful life of the structure or the designated use of the area; however, the length of time that a property or structure named for the designated individual or group will be determined by County Council.
  - 3. When the proposed naming of a property or structure is in honor of an individual, the complete name of the individual must be used. The last name of the individual so honored may be used in referring informally to the facility.
  - 4. A portion of the facility, such as a meeting or conference room, or other public space may also be named in honor of such individual or group.

(2) Renaming:

- a) Renaming of a property or structure may occur when a property that has been named in honor of an individual has reached the end of its useful life and will

be replaced or substantially renovated. The replaced or renovated structure may be renamed in recognition of another honoree per the criteria set forth herein.

- b) Properties or structures may be renamed when they have been designated for another use and may be named in recognition of a different honoree.
- c) Appropriate recognition of earlier honorees shall be included in or adjacent to the newly renovated property as well as on any redeveloped property.

(3) Nominations:

- a) Nominations for naming of County owned properties or structures may be submitted to the Clerk to County Council in writing, accompanied by a justification for the recommended honoree.
- b) Requests will be reviewed by the County Administrator and other appropriate staff before being submitted to County Council.

(4) Proposed name must be in good taste per local community standards and must not be insulting or derogatory.

(5) County Council may rename a property at anytime for any reason with or without cause. The renaming of a property by council will cancel all agreements and Lancaster County shall not be required to issue refunds on prior monetary collections.

**SECTION II.**           **Severability**

If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

**SECTION III.**           **Conflicting Provisions**

To the extent this Ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Lancaster County Code or other County Ordinances, the provisions contained in this Ordinance supersedes all other provisions and this Ordinance is controlling.

**SECTION IV.**           **Effective Date of Ordinance**

This Ordinance is effective upon passage of Third Reading.

**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

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Billy Mosteller, Secretary, County Council

**ATTEST:**

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Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading: June 12, 2023  
Second Reading: June 26, 2023  
Third Reading: July 17, 2023  
Public Hearing: June 26, 2023

Approved as to form:

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Virginia Merck-Dupont, County Attorney