

# FCJETSBS Policy Related to: Road Name Changes in the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County

The Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) includes the following language related to road name changes:

***55 ILCS 5/5 – 1067***

***5 – 1067. Names of streets and highways; numbers of buildings and lots.  
A county board may name or may change the name of any street, lane, road or highway and may regulate the numbering of buildings and lots adjacent to any street, lane, road or highway in the unincorporated area of the county.  
In counties under 1,000,000 population, a county board may name or change the name of any road in the county highway system or any trail under its jurisdiction.***

The Franklin County Board, in their meeting of December 20, 1994, assigned this responsibility to the E9-1-1 Board (**Ordinance No. 1994-10**). Although this power and authority have been assigned to the E9-1-1 Board, their use of it will be guided by the following principals:

Requests to change the name of an existing street, lane, road or highway shall be presented to the Board in writing and signed by the petitioner(s).

Requests will be evaluated based on the unique merits of the request and no decision made by the Board will establish precedent for future requests.

In considering the unique merits of a request, the Board shall remain mindful that the action of changing an existing name could have long term consequences: all existing maps will become outdated; GIS/GPS databases will become outdated; local knowledge will become outdated; the Illinois Highway Information System will become outdated.

The only rationale for responding in the affirmative to a request to change the name of an existing road will be public safety considerations as determined by the Board. An existing road name should be changed only if the continued use of the current name would constitute a clear public safety problem.

**(Legal review and approval: 10/16/09)**

Approved by the FCJETSBS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Tharp, FCJETSBS Chairman

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