

Appendix K Sitka's Street Naming Policy Recommendation and Form

Sitka Historic Preservation Commission

*City and Borough of Sitka
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835*

Policy on Naming of Streets and Public Facilities

Sitka's long, rich and culturally diverse history provides a wealth of sources for appropriate names for streets and public facilities. The use of names drawn from local sources helps to preserve Sitka's history and to keep residents and visitors aware of that history.

Names for new streets and public facilities shall be drawn from a list of appropriate names maintained by the Streets and Public Facilities Naming Committee of the Sitka Historic Preservation Commission. Other local government bodies, public and private institutions and organizations, and individual citizens are encouraged to submit names for inclusion on this list. A nomination form for this purpose is attached.

Criteria for names for the list include:

1. Historical names should have direct and significant connection with Sitka.
2. Care should be taken that the list overall reflects the Alaska Native, Russian, and American history of Sitka.
3. Names of specific individuals should be those of people with a long-term or particularly noteworthy connection with Sitka, or a particular connection with the area or facility concerned. In general, names should not be considered for the list until the individual has been deceased for at least ten years. This however should not preclude naming of streets or facilities for distinguished families which may have members still living.
4. For a name to be included on the list, it must be possible to render it in the standard Roman alphabet, without diacritical marks. Names should be readily pronounceable by people with a reasonably good command of standard U.S. English.
5. Care must be taken not to duplicate names, or to use similarly pronounced names apt to cause confusion (such as Thomsen and Thompson).
6. Care must be taken in using historical names that they are rendered correctly.

(Regarding criterion 5 and 6, unfortunate examples of failure to heed these principles abound on the map of Sitka and vicinity. Note Seward Street and Seward Avenue, Wachusett Street, Mt. Kinkaid. The latter two are misspelled. Unfortunately, after a street or geographic name is bestowed, it is very difficult ever to change or correct it.)

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Nomination Form for Street and Public Facilities Name

Name you are suggesting for the list of Street and Public Facilities names (Please use separate form for each individual name):

Are you suggesting this name for the general list from which names will be drawn as needed or for a specific street or other public facility?

Please briefly set forth the reasons this would be an appropriate name for a street or other public facility in Sitka (Use additional sheets if needed):

Does this suggested name meet the criteria set forth in the Policy on Naming Streets and Public Facilities? If it does not, please list reasons for an exception to the policy:

Please list your own name and mailing address, with contact information (telephone number and/or e-mail address):