

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Adopt Ordinance 1357 to amend Chapters, 12.60.280,	)	
Driveways and Private Road Standards, Chapter 16.12.500,	)	
Simple Segregations, and Chapter 16.02.100, subdivision	)	
development standards, of the Lewis County Code	)	ORDINANCE 1357

WHEREAS, Lewis County has regulatory authority to require the naming of private roads per RCW ADD;
and

WHEREAS, there are many unnamed private roads in Lewis County and unnamed roads are public health;
and

WHEREAS, this past practice of "dashed addresses" associated with unnamed private roads has created
additional confusion with regards to locating homes and property; and

WHEREAS, misinterpretations of dashed addresses associated with unnamed private roads poses a clear
danger to the citizens of Lewis County, because it directly affects fire prevention, ambulance, law
enforcement, or other emergency services' ability to locate and assist citizens in need at those addresses;
and

WHEREAS, this danger is not merely theoretical, as there have already been instances in which
emergency services were dangerously delayed in locating structures with dashed addresses; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County's existing, voluntary private-road-naming procedures have proved inadequate
to fix the problem; and

WHEREAS, staff from the departments of Community Development, Public Works and 911 have
collaborated on proposed remedies to ensure no new unnamed private roads are created in Lewis County
going forward.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Commission held a duly noticed for public hearing on the
proposed amendments on Chapters, 12.60.280, Driveways and Private Road Standards, Chapter 16.12.500,
Simple Segregations, and Chapter 16.02.100, subdivision development standards; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated and determined that the
proposed amendments were in accordance with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024, the Planning Commission signed a Letter of Transmittal recommending the
Lewis County Board of County Commissioners approved the amendments as shown in Exhibit A, Staff
Report; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 24-XXX to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 1357 and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners held duly noticed public hearing on August 27, 2024 to receive testimony on the proposed amendments to the Lewis County Code, as shown in Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners finds that the proposed amendments to Chapters, 12.60.280, Driveways and Private Road Standards, Chapter 16.12.500, Simple Segregations, and Chapter 16.02.100, subdivision development standards, as well as the proposed amendments to the Private Road Naming policy (Exhibit A) are in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the amendments to Chapters, 12.60.280, Driveways and Private Road Standards, Chapter 16.12.500, Simple Segregations, and Chapter 16.02.100, subdivision development standards, as well as the proposed amendments to the Private Road Naming policy (Exhibit A); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lewis County BOCC hereby adopts Exhibit B as further findings of fact.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Sean Swope, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner