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To: Gearhart Planning Commission

From Carole Connell, Gearhart homeowner

Re: Suggested comments on the proposed street naming standards

Street naming is generally permanent therefore it's desirable that street names reflect the unique character of a place when there is a choice. I would not settle on the ORS 227.120 example, and I think the Clatsop County procedure is a good model and provides consistency between jurisdictions.

A few suggestions:

1. Section 12.16.090 C. in the first sentence change the word "Department" to "City".
2. Section 12.16.090 F. Add a new criterion that the proposed name shall:
  - Not be the personal name of the property developer, the builder, or their personal family members.
  - Be a name that reflects the local flora or fauna of the community when appropriate.
3. Section 12.16.090 G. questions:
  - Do existing streets in Gearhart generally comply with items #1. thru 4?
  - What are "Road designator abbreviations established by NENA?"
4. Section 12.16.100 item A. 5. How will this be implemented when it is likely many existing street names will not be consistent with the street naming standards?

PS – Sorry this is so last minute. As a city planner I used to get so frustrated by last-minute comments. But now I get it! Thanks for making Gearhart a better place.

