



Kaipara District Council

Road Naming Policy

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Kaipara te Oranganui

**KAIPARA
DISTRICT**

Two Oceans Two Harbours

Purpose of Policy

Council is required by legislation (Section 319 (j) of the Local Government Act 1974) to name or rename any road in the district.

The objective to this policy is to provide a consistent and clear approach to how Council names and renames roads in the district.

This is important in a number of ways for identifying a property in order to provide service to a ratepayer or resident, or for situations such as emergency services, couriers and other visitors to a property.

Scope

This policy will apply to any new and existing roads in the Kaipara District that may require naming or renaming. In general, new roads occur through subdivision. The majority of Council roads in use have been named previously. There may be occasions where Council needs to rename an existing or paper road.

This policy will supersede Council's previous Road Naming Policy 2003.

New Road Names

Occur as a result of subdivision activity in the District. All roads and private access ways should be named in order to be identifiable. Council provides guidelines for New Road Names as part of this policy.

Application for a New Road Name can be made by the subdivider or any existing property owner within the subdivision.

Renaming of Existing Road

Council or general public may have a need at different times to rename an existing or paper road. Possible reasons to rename a road may include, but are not limited to such things as;

- Prevention of confusion around road layout changes
- Prevention of duplicate sounding names
- Geographical corrections
- Cultural sensitivity
- Spelling corrections

The renaming of any road will occur if Council considers that the change will result in a clear benefit to the community. Guidelines are provided for Renaming of Existing Roads as part of this policy.

Guidelines for New Road Names

The application for naming a new road will require the applicant's details and the details of the road. With the application will be a current list of Council road names in use, to ensure road names suggested are not the same or similar to any other in the district.

The applicant will be asked to propose three different names, which comply with Council's guidelines, with an explanation for each, for Council consideration. Council may require verification of information provided.

Consideration will be given to proper names. Abbreviated names or terms will not be considered by Council. Names should not cause offence.

Council preference is for suggestions that have:

- Historical, cultural, geographical, or nature based attachment to the area and/or the local people. Weighting of names will be given in the order outlined.
- One word names versus complicated names and
- Suffixes which are appropriate to the situation with the following as a guide.

Suffix

Alley	A narrow roadway for people or vehicles in cities and towns.
Avenue	A broad roadway usually planted on each side with trees.
Boulevard	A broad roadway, well paved, usually planted on each side with trees.
Circle	A roadway, which forms a circle or part of a circle.
Close	A short enclosed roadway i.e. a cul-de-sac.
Corner	A roadway containing a sharp bend or corner.
Crescent	A crescent or half moon shaped roadway.
Drive	A wide thoroughfare allowing a steady flow of traffic without many cross streets.
Esplanade	A level roadway, often along a seaside or a river.
Glade	A roadway usually in a valley of trees.
Grove	A roadway which features a group of trees standing together.
Heights	A roadway traversing high ground
Lane	A narrow way between walls, buildings etc, a narrow country roadway.
Parade	A public promenade or roadway which has good pedestrian facilities along the side
Place	A short sometimes narrow enclosed roadway.
Ridge	A roadway along the top of a hill
Rise	A roadway going to a higher place of position.
Road	A place where one may ride, an open way or public passage for vehicles, persons and animals.
Row	A roadway with a line of professional buildings on either side
Street	A public roadway in a town, city or urban area.
Terrace	A roadway usually with houses on either side raised above the road level.

(Source, **Standards New Zealand AS/NZS 4819/Amdt 1/2006-10-26**)

Names are not to be duplicated. All names are at the discretion of the Council and Council decision is final.

Guidelines for Renaming of Existing Roads

An application for renaming of an existing or paper road will require the applicant's details and details of the road. With the application will be a current list of Council road names in use, to ensure roads suggested are not the same or similar to any other in the district.

It will also require an explanation as to how the renaming will be of benefit to the community. The applicant will propose three different names, with an explanation for each, for Council consideration. Council may require verification of information provided.

Consideration will be given to proper names. Abbreviated names or terms will not be considered by Council. Names should not cause offence.

Council's preference is for suggestions that have;

- A historical, geographical, nature based or cultural attachment to the area and/or the local people. Weighting of names will be given in the order outlined.
- One word names versus complicated names
- Suffixes which are appropriate to the situation (using the previous guideline for appropriate suffix names).

Council will rename an existing or paper road if a budget is available to meet costs (if renaming is Council initiated) or suitable arrangements have been made by private parties to meet the costs (if renaming is privately initiated).

Consultation will occur with adjoining property owners, relevant Community Groups, local Iwi, and any other relevant organisation for their consideration and preference.

Staff will recommend to Council the proposed road name that complies with the Council's policy for their resolution. Any objections will be considered by Council. All names are at the discretion of the Council and council decision is final.

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