

Street Naming Manual



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Introduction

Background

This manual is designed to streamline and simplify the City's street naming procedure. All departments of the City were consulted in the development of this manual. In particular, the Police and Fire Departments have provided guidance for improving the street naming system in order to simplify navigation of emergency responders.

North of Lacamas Lake there was 1,171 acres of land annexed in 2008, which added to the approximately 8,335 acres currently within the Camas City limits. This relatively large area annexed to the City predicated the need for a revision to the City's street naming system. The intent is that as the City expands, this manual will contribute to a seamless transition of county properties into our City limits.

Street Prefixes and Names

- A. All roads both public and private shall be prefixed “N” for North, “NW” for Northwest, “SW” for Southwest, “NE” for Northeast, “S” for South, and “SE” for Southeast.
- B. All roads both public and private shall be addressed in accordance with the most current version of the City of Camas Street Naming Grid.
- C. All alphabetical sequences shall be based upon categories having common characteristics. Preferably, the names of Camas’ historically significant people or sites, geographic features, or native flora and fauna should be considered before all other names. Refer to Appendix for listing of street name examples.

Direction Designation

- A. All roads both public and private, running in an easterly-westerly direction shall generally be designated "avenues" and shall be preceded generally by a numeral designation.
- B. All roads, both public and private, running in a northerly-southerly direction shall generally be designated "street" and shall be preceded by a nominal designation.
- C. Drive. Streets not generally conforming to the northerly-southerly or easterly-westerly grid, but otherwise generally following a straight course shall be designated as "drive," preceded by the same numerical or nominal designation as the street nearest to it in sequence.
- D. Courts. Dead-end streets not over four hundred feet in length and not a continuation of a street shall be designated "court."
- E. Circles. "Dead-end" streets not over four hundred feet in length and not a continuation of an avenue shall be designated "circle."
- F. Place. Any street which is located between two others which are consecutively named in alphabetical sequence, but which does not actually or logically fit into the sequence, shall be designated as "place"

preceded by the same nominal designation as that street immediately preceding it in sequence.

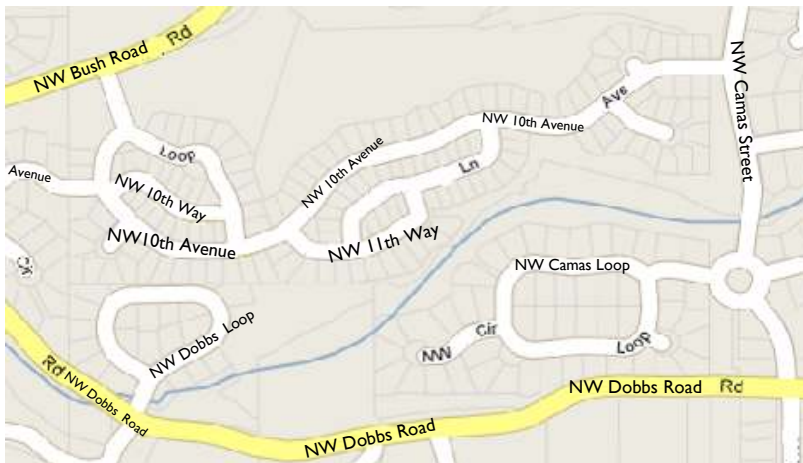
G. Way. Any avenue which is located between two others which are consecutively named in numerical sequence, but which does not actually or logically fit into the sequence, shall be designated as "way" preceded by the same numerical designation as that avenue immediately preceding it in sequence.

H. Loops. Any street which intersects any other street from one side only and runs generally away from, curves and returns to that same street at another point, but which intersects no other through street, shall be designated as "loop" preceded by the same numerical or nominal designation as that street it intersects and extends from.

I. Lane. A street which shall meander or does not otherwise conform to any of the foregoing classifications shall be designated a "lane."

J. Curved Streets. A street running in one direction shall have one name only and shall have the same name throughout its entire length. However, if a street jogs sharply for a substantial distance, the portion of the street running in a different direction may be given another name at the discretion of the decision maker.

K. Boulevard / Parkway. Any street which serves as an arterial may be designated "boulevard" or "parkway" and shall be preceded by any nominal designation so long as it cannot be confused with any designation used within the grid system.



Example of naming system

Annexed Areas

At the direction of the City Council, the Community Development Director or designee shall be responsible for recommending names to be assigned to streets in areas annexed to the city as stipulated in this manual. The council may accept staff's recommendation, or implement the recommendation with modifications as the council deems appropriate, or it may forward the matter to the Planning Commission for consideration. If forwarded to the Planning Commission, then the commission shall provide a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council may accept Planning Commission recommendations, or implement the recommendation with modifications as the council deems appropriate.

New Developments

The Community Development Director or designee shall consult with the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments upon receipt of a new development application. In deciding street names, the Community Development Director or designee may give deference to the recommendations of either Police or Fire Departments based on public safety concerns. The naming of new developments shall be generally consistent with this manual.

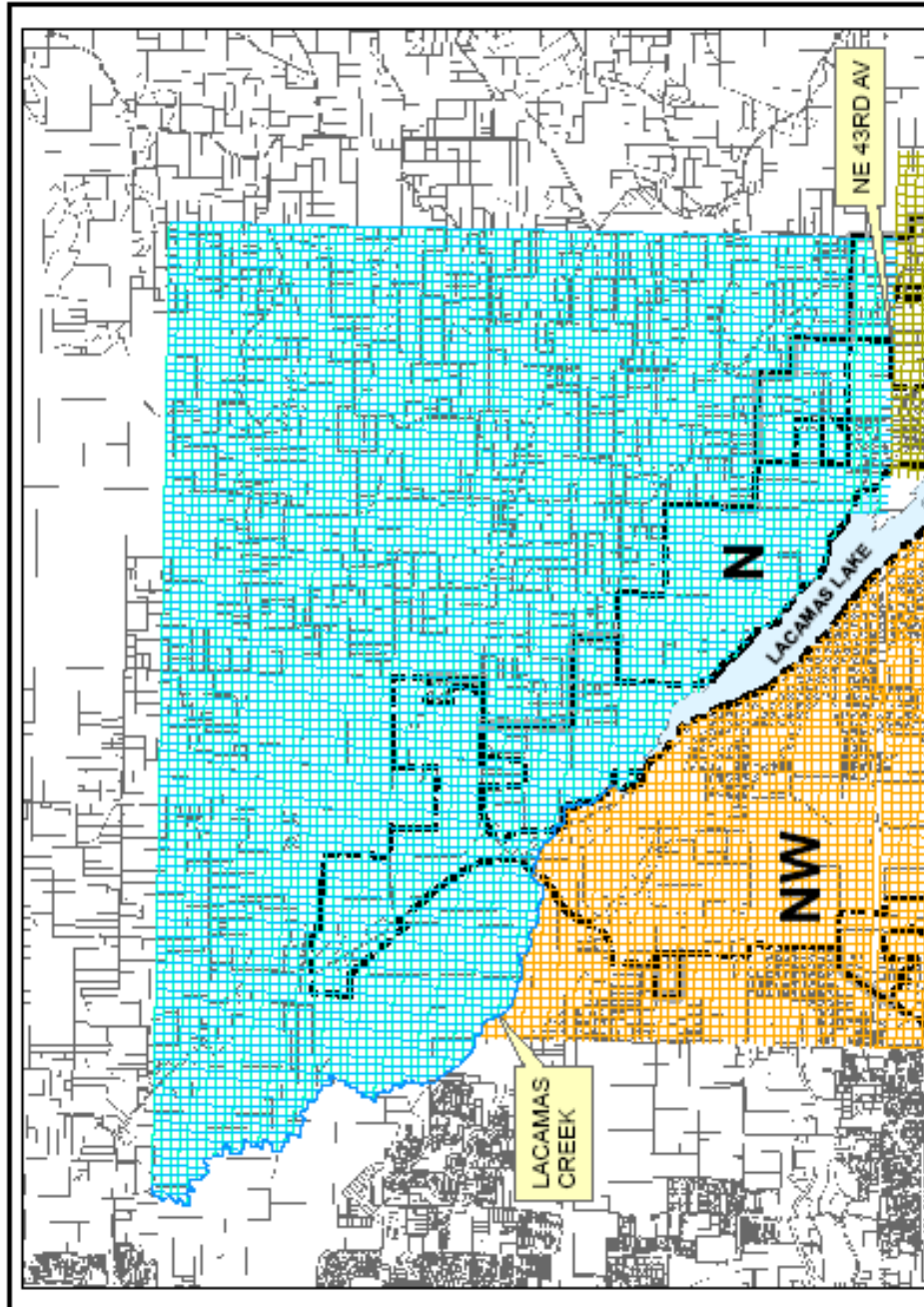
Renaming Streets

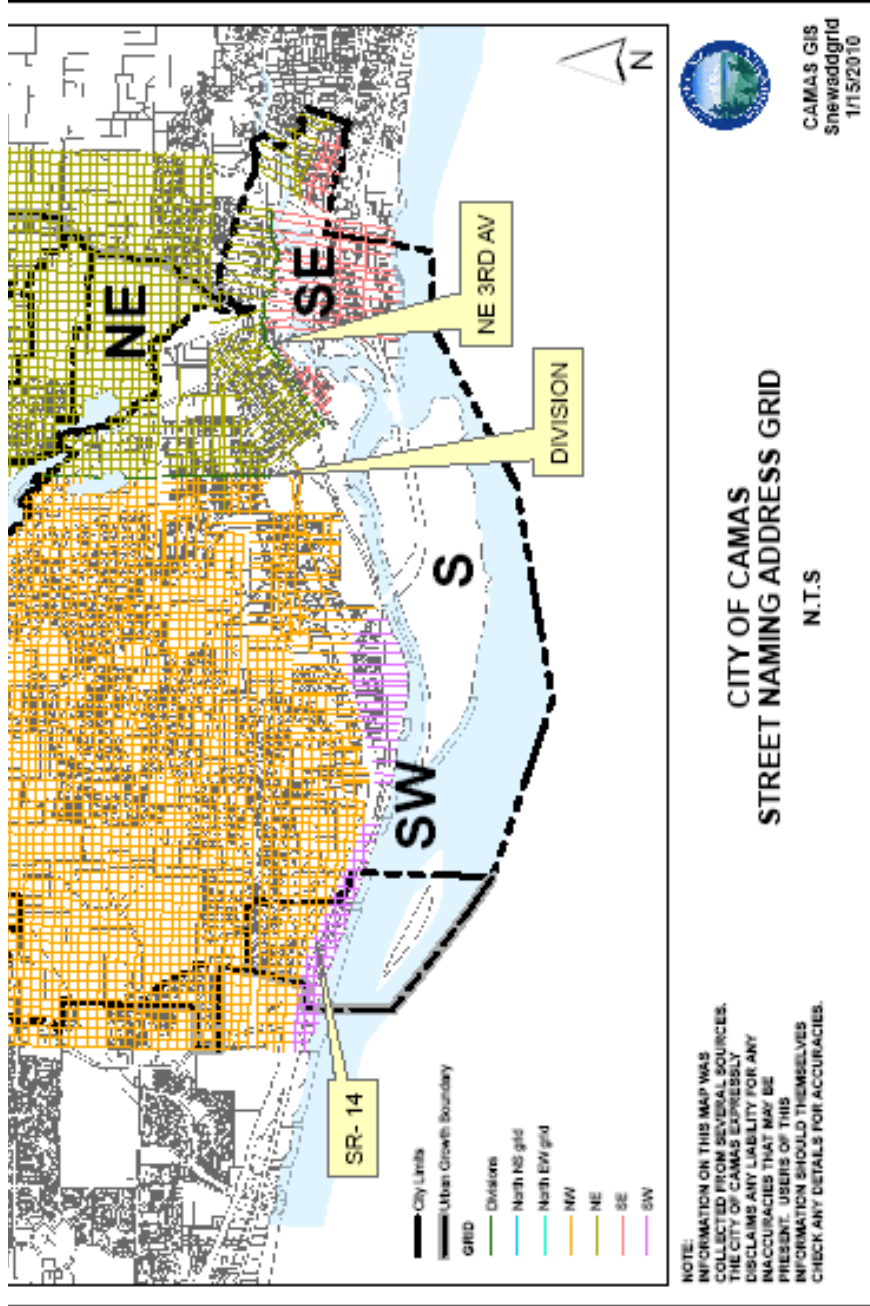
- A. Any person, firm, or corporation who owns property which has direct access from the street may request the change of said street name by submitting a request to the Community Development Department. A request must include the following information:

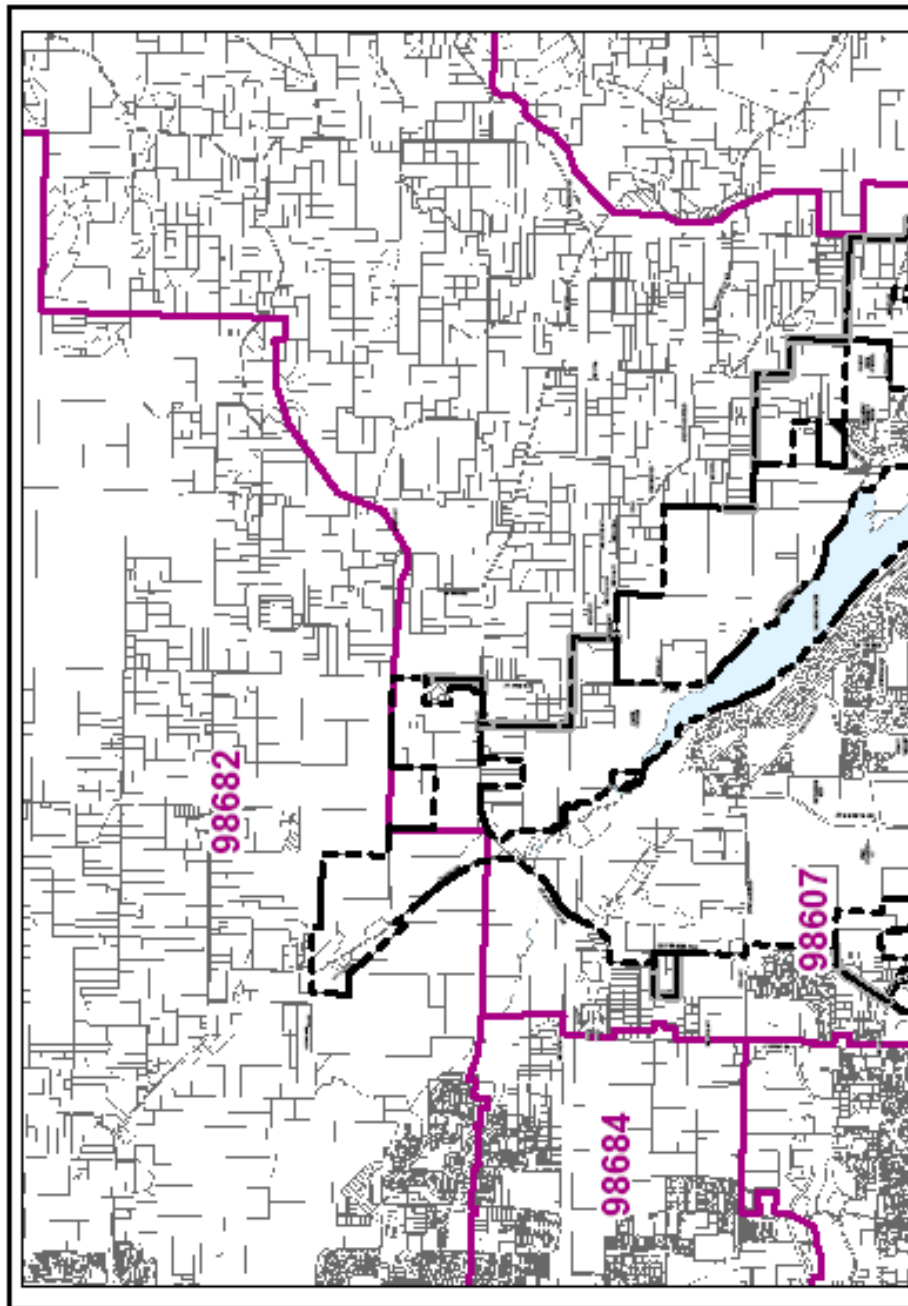
- i. General Application Form completed
 - ii. Minor Modification fee
 - iii. Consent of a majority of the owners on the street
 - iv. Provide a map with the current street name
 - v. Narrative that provides reasons that necessitate the street name change.
- B. If the Community Development Director determines that the proposed name change is to correct a mapping error or to improve public safety, then city fees associated with the proposal shall be waived.
- C. In determining if a proposed street name change is appropriate, the consideration shall meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - i. The proposed name change will enhance public safety; or
 - ii. The proposed name change is consistent with local heritage; or
 - iii. The proposed name change is in memoriam (Note: Provide a brief description of the honoree).
- D. Staff shall forward the completed application to City Council for consideration. At a public hearing, City Council shall render a decision on the request.
- E. The applicant is responsible for costs associated with installation of new signage that conforms to the Camas Design Standards Manual, except where proposal meets the qualifications of subsection “B”. The applicant shall provide the Notice of Decision along with any other documentation to be recorded with the Clark County Assessor’s office and return a copy of the recorded documents to the City.

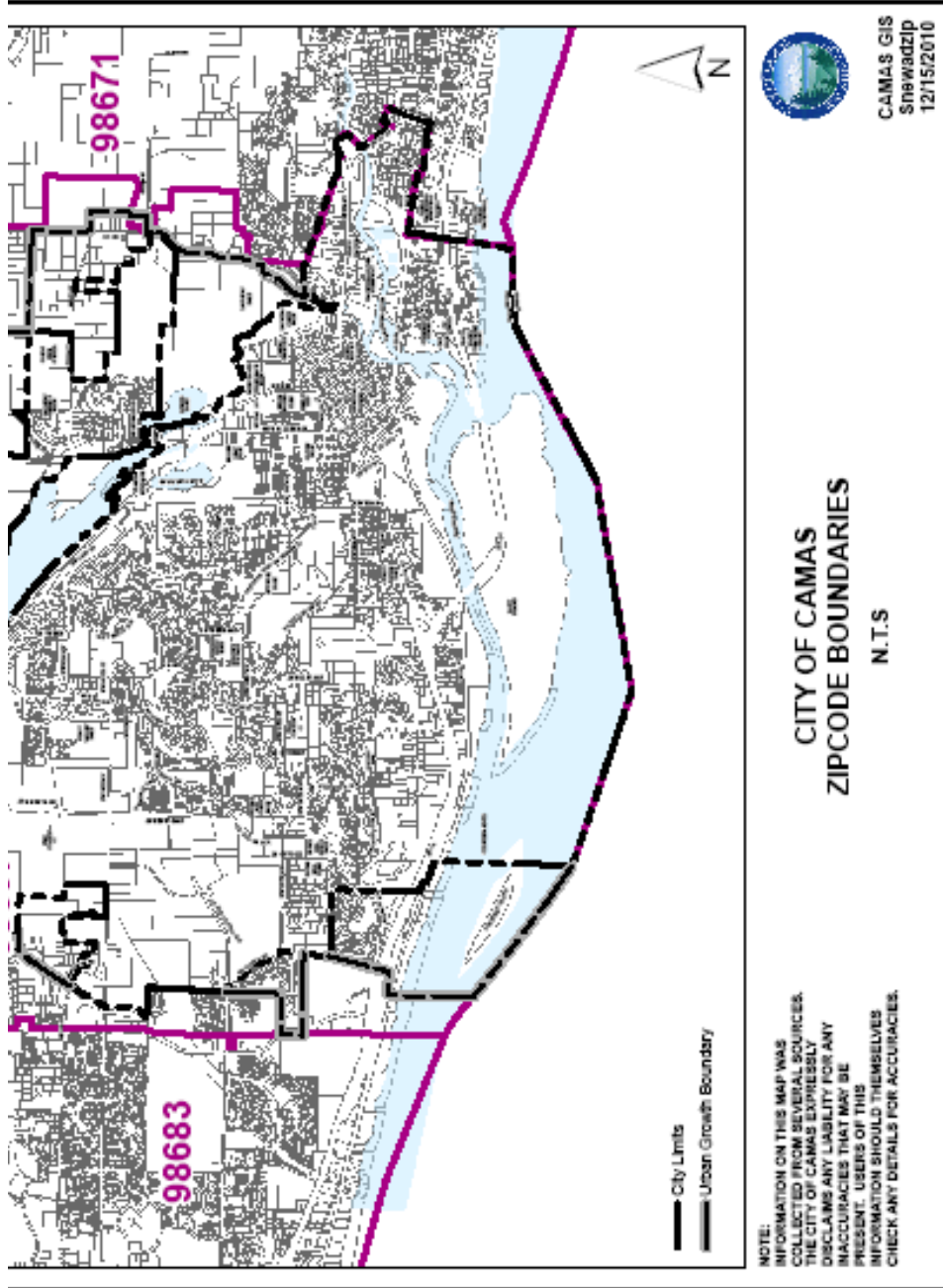
Deviations

Whenever the intended use of the Street Naming Manual would have an adverse impact upon the provision of public safety and or services, then such street naming guidelines need not be utilized. Departure from the street naming manual shall only be permitted upon the recommendation of the Community Development director, with the approval of the city council.









Appendix : Street Naming Examples

<u>Potential Street</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Brief Notes</u>
Bush	George Washington Bush	First African American and First Industry in town--cutting Cedar Shakes - 1844
Carpenter	Lewis Carpenter	Mayor 1951-1952
Cascade	Cascade	Native American Tribe
Chinook	Chinook	tribe and fish
Christianson	Don Christianson	Mayor 1980-1983
Clah-clah-lahs	Clah-clah-lahs	Native American Tribe
Clark	William Clark	Explorer
Cowan	J. A. Cowan	Mayor 1909-1910
Cowan	R.T. Cowan	Early land developer, added 29 blocks - Cowan's Addition 1884
Dedrick	Dedrick and Young Grocery	Store established 1886
Dobbs	Roy H. Dobbs	Mayor 1927-1930
Dossett	Dean Dossett	Mayor 1992-2003
Duvall	James Duvall	Mayor 1911-1914
Farr	W.E. Farr	Mayor 1918-1920
Farrell	Charlie and Rose Farrell	In 1903 operated first grocery, and owned property for the Granada Theater (Liberty Theater)
Grist	O.C Grist	Operators of the first grist mill 1885
Hansacker	Jacob Hansacker	First major sawmill - 1846
¹² Harrington	F. Harrington	Community Investment Corporation 1880s that built the Granada Theater (Liberty Theater - now)
Harrington	Jack Harrington	First Mayor (1906-1908)

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Harrington	Jack Harrington	First Mayor (1906-1908)
Hayes	Denis Hayes	Environmental activist, coordinated the first Earth Day
Henriksen	Nan Henriksen	Mayor 1984-1992
Hidden	Arthur Hidden	Credited for bringing the Italian Prune trees to Camas.
Hodges	CH Hodges Bargain Store	Store established 1886
Johnson	O.F. Johnson	Organized first bank in Camas and member of Community Investment Corporation
Knapp	H.M. Knapp	early citizen
LaCamas	LaCamas	Original name of town
Lambert	W. Earl Lambert	Mayor 1945-1948
Leadbetter	Leadbetter	Founding family of Camas
Lewis	Meriwether Lewis	Explorer
MacMaster	Hugh MacMaster	Mayor 1915-1917
Maxon	H.J.G. Maxon	Third attempt to run a sawmill in Camas, 1852
McAfee	H.B. McAfee	Mayor 1925-1926
McMaster	Aeneas McMaster	First store, the Pioneer Store 1883. He was a town leader for temperance.

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McMaster	Elizabeth McMaster	first teacher - 1884
Ough	Richard Ough	First permanent settler 1851
Pioneer	Pioneer Fruit Cooperative	first co-ops in Camas to benefit the farmers
Pittock	Henry Pittock	Henry Pittock, owner of first paper mill in 1883
Plum	Plum / Prune	Plums were an ideal crop for shipment due to need to dry fruit.
Powers	A. Powers	Community Investment Corporation 1880s that built the Granada Theater
Province	Frank Province	Mayor 1935-1938
Rankin	E.A. Rankin	Mayor 1953-1957
Rich	Howard Rich	Mayor 1949-1950
Rodgers	Jimmie Rodgers	1950's pop singer
Sampson	Willard F. Sampson	Mayor 1962-1971
Swank	Wilmer Swank	Mayor 1921-1924 and 1931-1934
Temple	Tom Temple	Mayor 1958-1961
Toolson	Tom Toolson	Mayor 1972-1979
Washougally	Washougally	Native American Tribe
Watlallas	Watlallas	Native American Tribe
Woodworth	H.J. Woodworth	Mayor 1939-1944
Wright	Louisa Wright	First woman doctor in the town - 1885

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