



## SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION

### STREET RENAMING REQUEST

**PETITIONER:** Michael Roach

**FILE No.:** 24-003713-HM

**LOCATION:** Normandy Street from Pulaski Street to Truman Parkway

**DATE:** August 1, 2024

#### **NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting approval to change the name of the existing Normandy Street to East Perry Lane. The purpose of this renaming, as noted by the applicant, is to prevent confusion and assist in emergency service, commerce, and functionality. This would be an extension of the existing East Perry Lane, providing a consistency of the same name along the entire length of this road.

Per the applicant:

*“A parcel located off an unopen right-of-way referred to as Normandy Street on some public maps and GIS systems, runs perpendicular to an existing street called East Perry Lane. The street name appears on some maps to change without any geographical or traffic reference, causing confusion. Parts of the current road sometimes called Normandy Street are dirt, unpaved, and infrequently used by the public. This public confusion will increase as parcels located on the roadway continue to develop.”*

#### **FINDINGS:**

The following standards from the Historic Site and Monument Commission Guidelines for Markers, Monuments and Public Art apply:

##### ***Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets.***

***General policy.*** As a general policy, the Mayor and Aldermen find that public property should be named after its principal function, location, or historical reference; however, significant community events, organizations or well-known persons with important contributions to the community, state or nation may deserve public recognition, which may occur by way of naming or renaming public rights-of-way or facilities.

The applicant seeks to rename Normandy Street to East Perry Lane as a matter of location and function.

##### ***Naming criteria and requirements.***

***Criteria.*** Naming or renaming of a public right-of-way or facility shall occur only when the proposed naming or renaming satisfied at least one of the following criteria:

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*It honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia or the United States of America;*

*It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;*

*It will strengthen neighborhood identity; or*

*It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.*

The above criteria do not apply since this is not proposed to be named after a person, nor a cultural or historic resource.

***Exclusions.*** *The following shall not be considered for purposes of naming or renaming:*

*Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and Except as set forth in Section 4-1106 of this Article, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.*

The renaming of Normandy Street to East Perry Lane is not an instance of duplication leading to confusion.

***Considerations. Naming requests shall consider:***

*The number of residents and businesses directly affected;*

*Community diversity;*

*The historical significance of preexisting name or location;*

*The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;*

*The impact on emergency service delivery; and*

*Continuity and stability.*

There does not appear to be a historical significance to the name of Normandy Street. The applicant consulted with the City Municipal Archives, where it was noted that the street was named in 1953, for no particular reason other than there was a series of streets named after European cities. The applicant believes that with the continued growth of the area, using Perry Lane instead of Normandy Street will have a positive impact on continuity and stability.

***Renaming of public property facilities or streets.*** *All requests to rename public property shall be made in writing and directed to the attention of the City Manager. Such requests shall include:*

***In the instance of a street or roadway:***

*A supporting petition signed by not less than 75 percent of all property owners abutting the public right-of-way;*

*The present official name of the street;*

*The proposed new name;*

*The specific location of the street or roadway;*

*The name address and telephone number of the person requesting the name change;*

*A statement of reasons supporting the renaming request;*

*A thorough discussion regarding the history of the right-of-way, including all prior names associated therewith; and*

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*An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the right-of-way is located.*

The above standards are met.


**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. As of the writing of this report no comments were received from the public.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**


The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for the renaming of Normandy Street to East Perry Lane, as requested, to be docketed on a City Council agenda, because the proposed change meets the standards within *Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets*.

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**Catherine D. Kostilnik, Chair**  
**Historic Site and Monument Commission**

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**Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission**

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