



STREET/ROAD NAME CHANGE

► **FILE #:** 4-A-25-SNC

AGENDA ITEM #: 31

AGENDA DATE: 4/10/2025

► **APPLICANT:** CATHY OLSEN / KNOX COUNTY ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

MAP NUMBER: 90

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JURISDICTION: County Commission District 6

► **CHANGE REQUESTED FROM:** Coward Mill Rd.
(present street name)

► **TO:** 'George Coward Ln.'
(proposed street name)

► **LOCATION:** Between a point 45.95 ft southwest of the southeast corner of parcel 090 075 and its northern terminus

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Planned Growth Area

► **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CHANGE:** The Coward Mill Phase 2 Capital Project widened and realigned Coward Mill Rd, resulting in two dead-end segments of public ROW needing a new street name per Addressing and 911 guidelines.

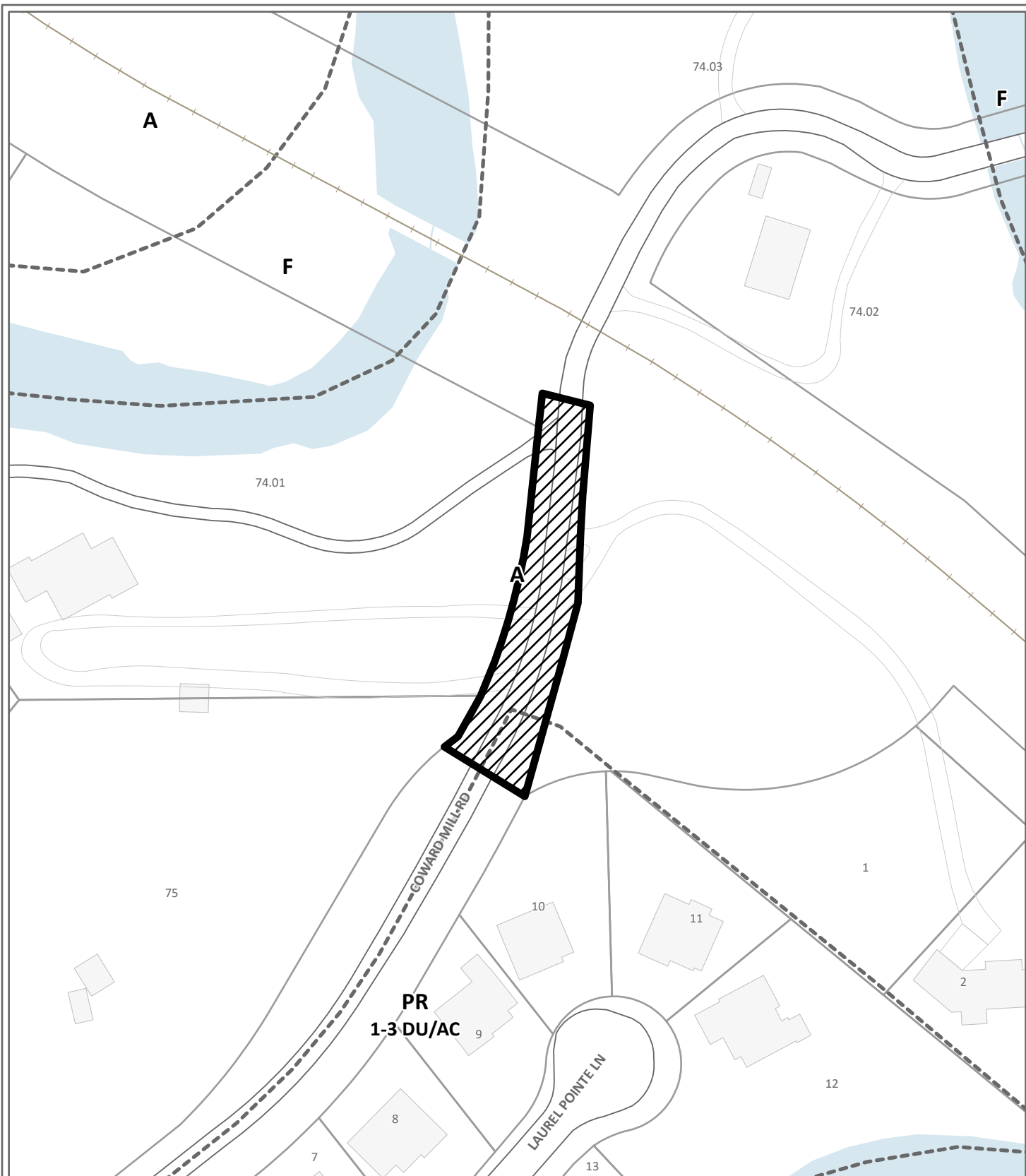
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

► **Approve the name change of Coward Mill Road to George Coward Lane as requested by the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.**

COMMENTS:

1. The Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works (EPW) has proposed changing the street name of Coward Mill Road because of a street realignment. As described in the applicant's reason for change, a capital improvement project for Coward Mill Road has resulted in two dead-end segments.
2. Both dead-end segments require new names per Addressing and Knox County Emergency Communications District (Knox 911) guidelines and separate applications have been submitted for these segments.
3. Approval of this request will result in the redressing of two of three abutting parcels. On behalf of EPW, Planning coordinated with the property owners adjacent to the disconnected segment of Coward Mill Road for input on the new proposed street name. Despite attempts to reach all property owners, only one owner submitted street names for consideration. Unfortunately, none of the submitted names were approvable by staff.
4. In the third and final letter to property owners, Planning staff provided three pre-approved street names for consideration; however, no responses were received. Consequently, EPW selected George Coward Lane for the proposed street name change based on the history of the mill. EPW also mailed a notice of proposed street name change to owners on February 24, 2025.
5. Planning has received no objections to the renaming of this right-of-way.
6. The name change meets all requirements of the County's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 54, Article II).

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knox County Commission for action on 5/12/2025. If denied, Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knox County Commission. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal a Planning Commission decision in the County.



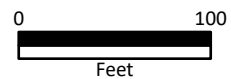
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Petitioner: Olson/Knox County Engineering and Public Works, Cathy

Map No: 90

Jurisdiction: County



Present Street Name: Coward Mill Rd.

Proposed Street Name: George Coward Ln.

Beginning of Change (From): Northeast corner of Parcel 090 075

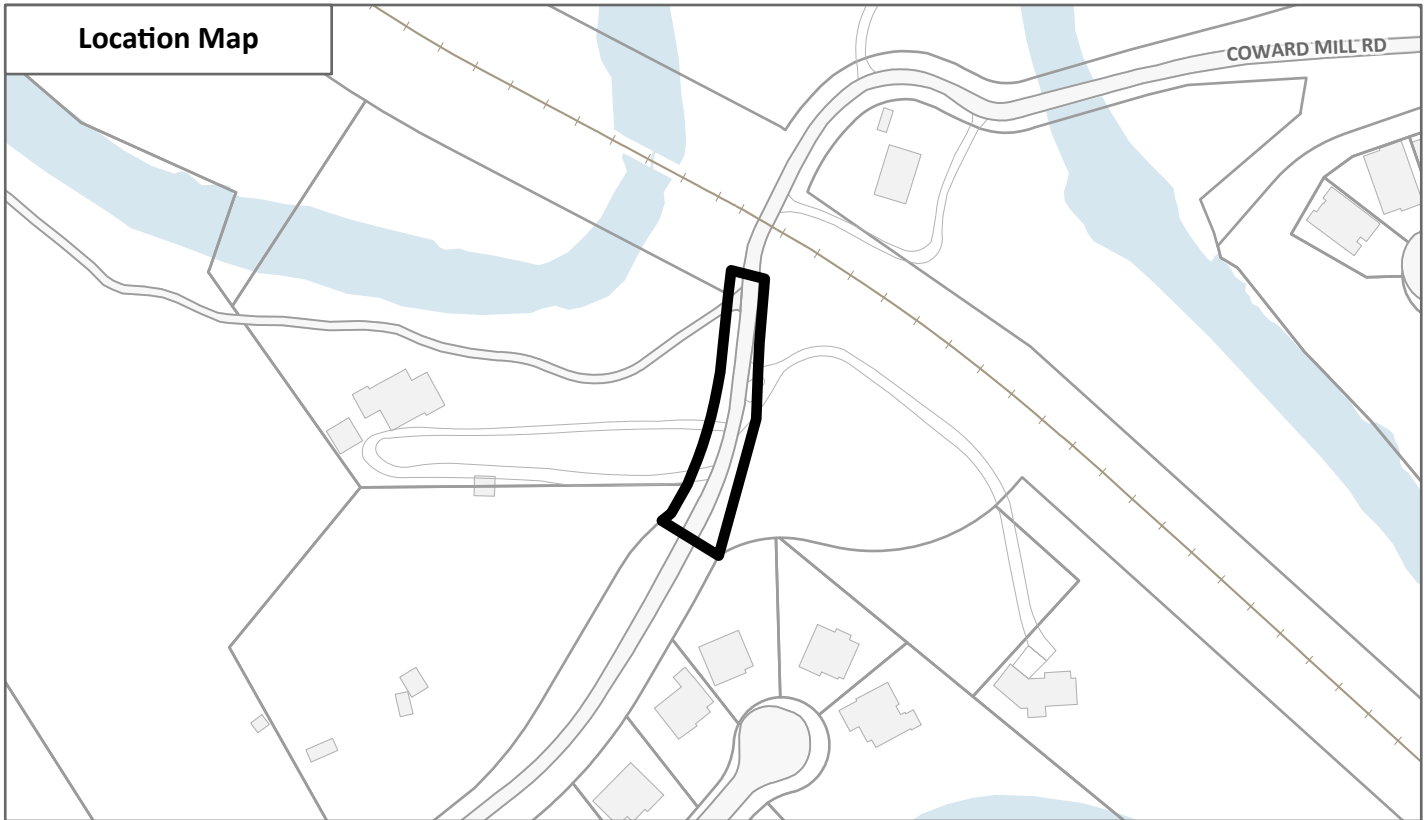
End of Change (To): north to its terminus

Original Print Date: 2/27/2025

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Exhibit A. Contextual Images

Location Map



Aerial Map

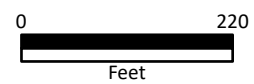


CONTEXTUAL MAPS 1

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Case boundary





NAME CHANGE REQUEST

CHANGE TYPE

☒ Street Name ☐ Subdivision Name

02/24/2025

Date Filed

4-10-2025

Meeting Date

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File Number(s)

APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

Name: Cathy Olsen for Engineering & Public Works
Company: Engineering & Public Works
Address: 205 W Baxter Ave
City: Knoxville TN Zip: 37917
Phone: 865 215 5800
Email: Cathy.olsen@knoxcounty.org

CHANGE REQUEST

	STREET NAME	
	<p>Coward Mill Road</p> <p>Present Street Name</p>	<p>George Coward Lane</p> <p>Proposed Street Name</p>
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Private Right-of-Way</p>	<p>Beginning (from): A point 45.95 ft southwest of the southeast corner or parcel 090 075 to its northern terminus</p>
	<p>EXACT LOCATION OF STREET: NE corner of parcel 090 075</p>	<p>Approx 220' north to dead end</p>
	<p>Beginning (From)</p>	<p>End (To)</p>
	<p>Reason for Proposed Change (Attach separate sheet if needed for explanation) The Coward Mill Phase 2 Capital Project widened and realigned Coward Mill Rd, resulting in two dead-end segments of public ROW needing a new street name per Addressing & 911 guidelines.</p>	
	<p>Present Subdivision Name</p>	<p>Proposed Subdivision Name</p>
	<p>General Location:</p>	
	<p>Reason for Proposed Change:</p>	

STAFF USE ONLY

CRITERION

Total Number of Property Owners: 3

Minimum Number of Property Owners in Support: N/A
(must be at least 75% for application to be accepted)

Percent of Property Owners in Support: N/A

JURISDICTION

City Council _____ County Commission 6

ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Application Requirements Acknowledgement
☐ Name Change Petition

FEE 1:
\$0

FEE 2:

FEE 3:

TOTAL:
\$0

AUTHORIZATION


Applicant Signature

Cathy Olsen
Please Print

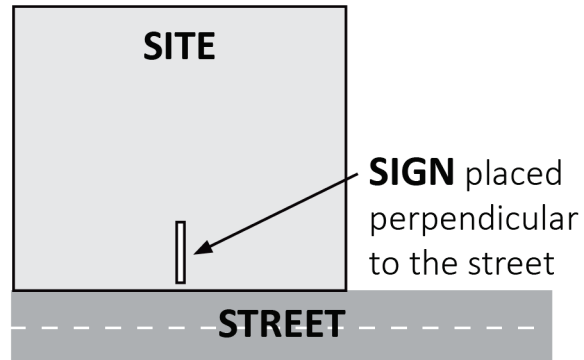
2/24/2025
Date


Staff Signature

SHELBY GRAY
Please Print

2/24/2025
Date

The Administrative Rules and Procedures of the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission require a sign to be posted on the property for each application subject to consideration by the Planning Commission, including the following applications: rezoning, plan amendment, concept plan, use on review/special use, planned development, right-of-way closure, and name change.



The required public notice sign(s) will be provided by Planning to the applicant when an application is submitted. If an application is submitted electronically, Planning staff will post the required sign. If a replacement sign(s) is needed, the applicant is responsible for picking up the new sign(s) from Planning and will be charged \$10 for each replacement.

LOCATION AND VISIBILITY

The sign must be posted on the nearest adjacent/frontage street and in a location clearly visible to vehicles traveling in either direction. If the property has more than one street frontage, the sign should be placed along the street that carries more traffic. Planning staff may recommend a preferred location for the sign to be posted at the time of application.

TIMING

The sign(s) must be posted **not less than 12 days prior to the scheduled Planning Commission public hearing** and must remain in place until the day after the meeting. In the case of a postponement, the sign can either remain in place or be removed and reposted not less than 12 days prior to the next Planning Commission meeting. The applicant is responsible for removing the sign after the application has been acted upon by the Planning Commission.

The individual below is responsible for posting and removing the sign(s) provided consistent with the above guidelines and between the dates of:

_____ **03/28/2025** _____ and _____ **04/11/2025** _____
 (applicant or staff to post sign) (applicant to remove sign)

Applicant Name: Chris Olsen / Knox Co.Public Works

Date: 02/24/2025

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Sign posted by Staff



Sign posted by Applicant