

## BEAUFORT COUNTY POLICY FOR NAMING AND RENAMING LANDMARKS

Beaufort County is blessed with a number of historic buildings, sites, and events that reflect our long and significant history. It is important when such sites are named or renamed that the historic names associated with these sites be retained. Changing the historic name of a landmark should be done only in extraordinary circumstances. If Council wishes to honor a distinguished citizen by naming an existing facility after them, the appropriate method would be to add “In Memory of (name)” to the existing name.

Prior to County Council approving the naming or renaming of any County site or landmark, the proposed name shall be submitted for review by the Beaufort County Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The submittal shall include the proposed name change, the reason for the change, and any available historic information regarding the site and the proposed name. After reviewing the proposal, the HPRB shall forward its recommendation to County Council.

### Criteria for Naming or Renaming Landmarks

#### **Historic Names**

- A. Citizens who have made a significant contribution to the history of Beaufort County, South Carolina, or the United States, and who have been deceased a minimum of 5 years.

Examples: elected officials, community leaders, educators, military heroes, and individuals involved in the arts or athletics, etc.

- B. Places that have played a significant role in the history of Beaufort County, South Carolina, or the United States.

Examples: battle sites, sites associated with early explorers, or the sites of significant buildings, bridges, boat landings, and ferries

- C. Events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

Examples: events related to the Revolutionary or Civil Wars, civil rights movement, or maritime history of the County

**Native American Names**

Names associated with the long habitation of Native Americans in the Beaufort County area.

Examples: rivers, islands, settlements, and indian towns.

**Natural Features**

Names associated with nature that are indigenous to Beaufort County.

Examples: animals, birds, flowers, trees, marshes, and geological features.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 1998.


COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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ATTEST:



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