

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-360

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS AMENDING TITLE 9 OF
THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.28
ENTITLED “NAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC
FACILITIES”**

WHEREAS, the California Constitution, article XI section 7, confers on the City of Los Altos (“City”) the power to make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the adoption of reasonable standards, restrictions, and requirements concerning the naming of public streets, parks and other public facilities are necessary to protect Los Altos’s unique character and to further protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of the Los Altos Municipal Code entitled “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES” is amended to add Chapter 9.28 entitled “Naming of public streets, parks and other public facilities” to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 9.28 NAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC
FACILITIES**

9.28.010 Naming criteria.

- A. The naming or renaming of public streets, parks and other public facilities shall be in accordance with the criteria set forth below. Once adopted, name changes should occur on an exceptional basis only.
- B. The following criteria may be considered in selecting a name:
 - 1. Neighborhood or geographical identification.
 - 2. Natural or geological features.
 - 3. Historical or cultural significance.
 - 4. The articulated preference of residents of the neighborhood surrounding the public facility.
 - 5. A person or group of persons who have made an unusually outstanding public service contribution, provided that such person has been deceased for at least twenty-five (25) years.

9.28.020 Naming and Renaming procedures.

- A. A request to name or rename a street, park or other public facility may be initiated by the city council or by a majority of those residents whose addresses will change as a result of the renaming. If the city council determines that the naming or renaming of a street, park or public facility requires additional review, it may forward the matter to the Historical Commission, other appropriate Commission, or Council subcommittee for a recommendation.

- B. Street, park or other public facility names may be approved by the city council at a public hearing, following the criteria set forth in Section 9.28.010. No duplication of street names shall be permitted within the city.”

SECTION 2. Title 13 of the Los Altos Municipal Code entitled “SUBDIVISIONS” is amended to repeal Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.010 H in its entirety and to replace it with a new Section 13.20.020 H to read as follows:

“H. Street names. All street names for new subdivisions shall be as recommended by the planning commission and approved by the city council, following the criteria set forth in Chapter 9.28, Section 9.28.010. No duplication of street names shall be permitted within the city.”

SECTION 3. CONSTITUTIONALITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos on January 11, 2011 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on January 25, 2011, passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	SATTERLEE, CASAS, CARPENTER, FISHPAW, PACKARD
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Ronald D. Packard, MAYOR

Attest:

Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK

Date_____