



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
Bradley M. Bennett, Assistant City Engineer
DATE: September 8, 2016
RE: O'Brien Drive Street Name Change

Action Requested

Approval of the attached ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE (Changing "O'Brien Drive" to "Napleton Way")."

Background and Facts

The Westmont-based Napleton Automotive Group purchased the O'Brien Auto Park on September 15, 2015. The Napleton Automotive Group has contacted the Public Works Department regarding changing the street name of O'Brien Drive to Napleton Way. (Please see Exhibit A.) Public Works Department staff have reached out to utilities, units of local government, and City Department heads regarding the proposed street name change. The only objection was from AT&T, which was later withdrawn.

The only mailing addresses on the street are Napleton's Auto Park properties. There are also an AT&T utility cabinet and several vacant lots. The location of the proposed street name change is shown in Exhibit B.

Financial Impact

The impacts to renaming O'Brien Drive to Napleton Way involve the removal and replacement of street name signs and the installation of new street name signs. This cost is estimated to be less than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). The Napleton Automotive Group will reimburse the City for the costs of removing and replacing the street name signs.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE (Changing "O'Brien Drive" to "Napleton Way")."

Attachments: AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE (Changing "O'Brien Drive" to "Napleton Way")
Exhibit A – Street Name Request Letter from Napleton Automotive Group
Exhibit B –Proposed Street Name Change Map

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09-081

AN ORDINANCE NAMING A STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE

(Changing "O'Brien Drive" to "Napleton Way")

WHEREAS, Section 11-80-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-80-19) provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may name originally and then change the name of any street, avenue, alley, or other public place; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") heretofore originally named a certain street "O'Brien Drive," said street intersecting North Cunningham Avenue between Interstate 74 and Airport Road; and

WHEREAS, a portion of O'Brien Drive is adjacent to a complex of commercial retail automobile stores formerly known as O'Brien Auto Park; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015, EFN Urbana Properties, LLC, purchased and began operating the former O'Brien Auto Park as part of the Ed Napleton Automotive Group; and

WHEREAS, the Ed Napleton Automotive Group has changed the name of O'Brien Auto Park to Napleton Auto Park; and

WHEREAS, the Ed Napleton Automotive Group has asked the City to change the name of O'Brien Drive to "Napleton Way"; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities desire to rename O'Brien Drive to recognize the change in ownership of Napleton Auto Park; and

WHEREAS, no dwellings or commercial establishments, other than Napleton Auto Park, use an O'Brien Drive street address in the City; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities, after due consideration, find that the best interests of the City are served by changing the name of "O'Brien Drive" to "Napleton Way"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 11-80-19, no change in the name of any street, avenue, alley or other public place is effective until 30 days after the corporate authorities give notice of such change to the election authorities having jurisdiction in the area in which the name of the public place is changed and the post office branch serving that area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The street originally named O'Brien Drive be and is hereby renamed Napleton Way.

Section 2. The appropriate records of the City, including all maps which are

part of the City's 2005 Comprehensive Plan, shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect the name change.

Section 3. The proper officers, employees, and agents of the City are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver all documents and instruments as may be necessary to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance in accordance with its terms.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Ordinance, by registered or certified mail, to the Champaign County Clerk and to the post office branch serving the area in which the name of the public place is changed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the City Clerk notifies the appropriate election authorities and post office branch, in accordance with Section 11-80-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the corporate authorities (5 of 8 votes) of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said corporate authorities.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

EXHIBIT A - STREET NAME REQUEST LETTER FROM NAPLETON AUTOMOTIVE GROUP



June 23, 2016

City of Urbana
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Urbana City Council Officials,

I am writing to request your consideration and approval of a street name revision in the city of Urbana. As you know, my family's company purchased O'Brien Auto Park on September 15th 2015. We are thrilled to be a part of the flourishing, diverse, and openhearted city of Urbana. We fully intend to bring economic stimulus, job creation, and philanthropy to Urbana, Illinois and the surrounding communities for mahy, many years to come.

Please accept this formal request to change the name of the current O'Brien Drive, to "Napleton Way". The official address for our business would become 1111 Napleton Way, Urbana IL 61802.

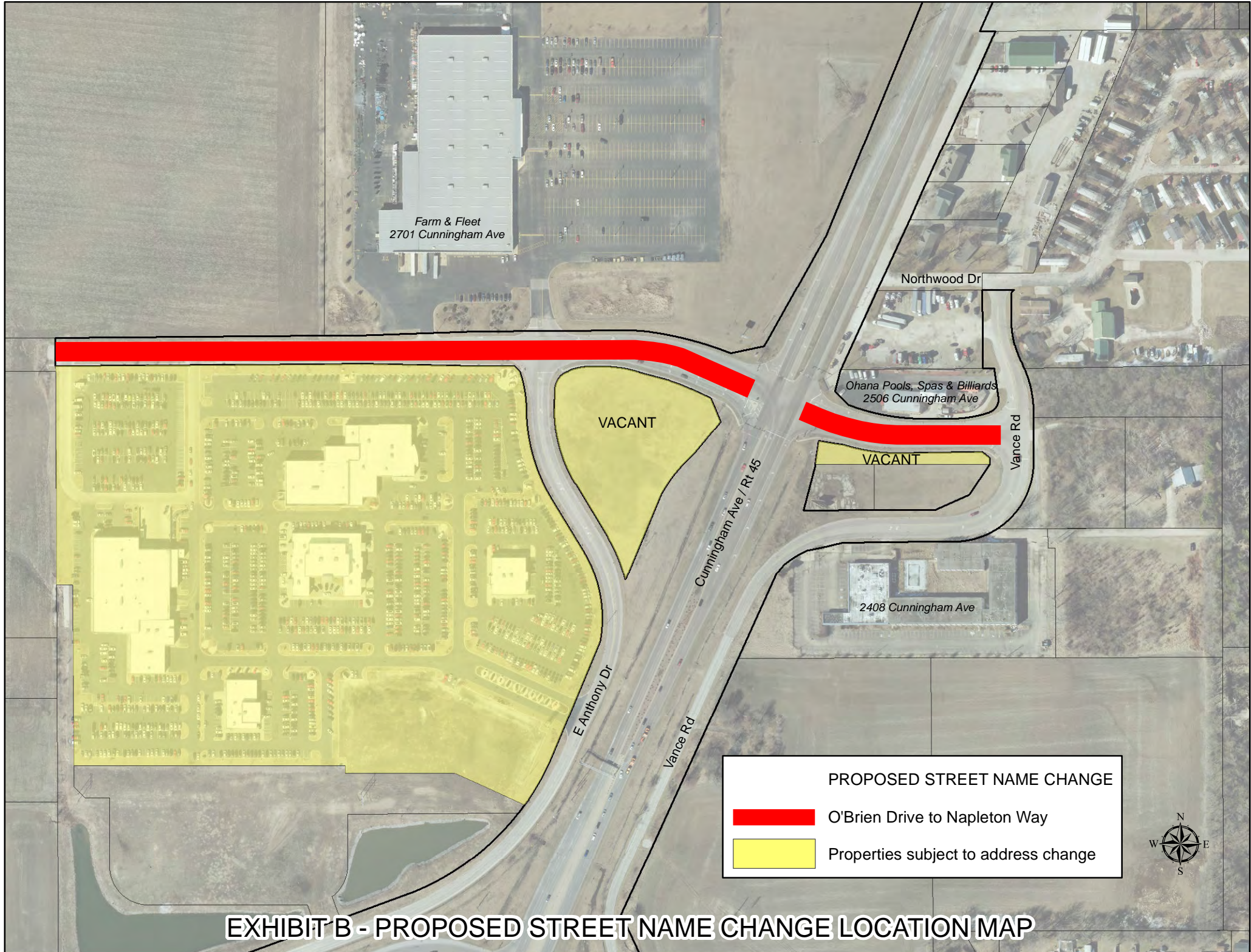
It would mean a great deal to have the name of the street changed to reflect our family and business **name**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Napleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

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Midwest Director of Automotive Operations
Ed Napleton Automotive Group
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(630) 417-2179

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Farm & Fleet
2701 Cunningham Ave

Northwood Dr

Ohana Pools, Spas & Billiards
2506 Cunningham Ave

VACANT

VACANT

Vance Rd


2408 Cunningham Ave

E Anthony Dr

Vance Rd

Cunningham Ave / Rt 45

PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE

 O'Brien Drive to Napleton Way


 Properties subject to address change



EXHIBIT B - PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE LOCATION MAP