



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Presentation on Street Addresses

City Council Meeting

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Street Addresses & Mail Delivery

Street Addresses and Mail Delivery—Two Separate Topics

- Based on the City Council's priorities, City staff is exploring a street address program only that would be limited to systems that assign an "address" or identifying designation to buildings and houses in the City
- The City is not exploring mail delivery at this time



History of Street Addresses

- 106 years without street addresses
- A tradition and workaround in Carmel-by-the-Sea is to “name” a house or building
- Implementing street addresses has been discussed before
 - Brought before City Trustees for Ord. 68 in 1926
 - Residents have voiced opinions in the past, in support and against street address implementation in the City



Why Now?

- The topic of street addresses was placed on the Council Priority Project List for FY 22-23
- Residents have voiced concerns about public safety and complications with financial and governmental institutions
- Consideration for community feedback and concerns



Challenges

- Public Safety
- Requirements from financial institutions and governmental entities
- Ability to find location of home or building, etc. in an emergency or for medical purposes such as medication
- Ease of access to utilities



Next Steps

City staff to research the following:

- Work with USPS administration to receive official language or notification on whether street address implementation compel the USPS to require mail delivery?
 - ❖ If mail delivery is required by USPS to implement addresses, this is a critical element and staff will pause and update City Council immediately
- What is considered an official record of address (directional or numerical) that is recognized by the County, USPS and internet mapping such as Google?



Council Direction

- **Option 1:** The priority project list item of street addresses has been satisfactorily covered and City staff takes no further action
- **Option 2:** Council recommends that City staff continue to research and present at a future time before exploring street address program development