

# REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: April 7, 2008

Agenda Item: <b>7(A)</b>	Prepared By: Bryan Milk, City Planner <i>BIM</i> Date: March 19, 2008
Agenda Section: Business: Resolution	
Subject: Petition SNC-07-01, Request for a street name Change from Acorn Court to Paradise Court	Department: Community Development

## **BACKGROUND:**

City Council is asked to consider a request for a street name change from Acorn Court to Paradise Court.

Nancy Ehlen, owner of the residence located at 10 Acorn Court (lot 6) submitted a formal request to the City of Marco Island in accordance with Section 42-2 of the Marco Island Land Development Code (LDC) to rename Acorn Court to Paradise Court. Acorn Court is a residential cul-de-sac street presently zoned RSF-3, and contains a total of seven lots. Presently five of the seven lots are developed with single family residences and two lots are vacant. The undeveloped lots (lots 1 and 7) are located at the intersection of Starfish Court and Acorn Court, north of San Marco Road.

Mrs. Ehlen states the reason for the proposed street name change is because the new name is representative of the quality of life, life style, and small town character enjoyed by Marco Island residents and visitors alike. Mrs. Ehlen believes we truly live in "paradise", and the proposed street name change is in keeping with this character, unlike Acorn Court. Ms. Ehlen explained that a majority of her neighbors (6 of 7) are in favor of the street name change. The owners of lot 5 (developed residence) objected to the proposed change due to health reasons (see attached January 29, 2008 correspondence). The petitions signed by six of the seven neighbors (lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7) to change the name of Acorn Court to Paradise Court are attached.

During the original Planning Board meeting of February 1, 2008, the Planning Board elected to continue the subject petition because the owners of Lot 5 opposed the request, and the owners of Lot 7 did not respond to the request. In accordance with Section 42-2(c)(3) of the LDC, 75% of the of the property owners (6 of 7) are required to sign a petition in support of the request.

On February 4, 2008, staff received a signed petition from the owner of undeveloped Lot 1 in support of the street name change. This signed petition provided the necessary signatures, (75% of property owners abutting the street) to move forward with the petitioners request for a street name change, and is compliant with Section 42-2(c)(3).

The Planning Board conducted a second meeting on March 7, 2008, and approved the petition 6 to 0. No members of the public spoke in favor or in opposition to the request. Ruth McCann of the Marco Island Civic Association sent staff an e-mail (attached) stating she believes the names of City streets should remain as originally established and platted by Deltona, and by approving such, could set a precedent.

City Council is required to conduct one public hearing regarding this matter. Disclosures of "ex parte" communications and swearing in of witnesses is required. The proposed Resolution, Planning Board minutes, staff report, application, and correspondence are attached for Council's review and consideration.

City Council's decision should be based upon evaluation of criteria provided in Section 42-2 of the Marco Island Code of Ordinances as attached, and as included within the staff report dated March 7, 2008 to the Marco Island Planning Board.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Approving the street name change will impact the City minimally to include replacement of the street sign and communication of the change to the US Postal Service, Collier County Property Appraiser, City & County GIS, Code Red, EMS, and City of Marco Island Police and Fire Rescue Departments. In addition, there may be indirect impacts and costs for property owners changing their individual home address and personal data. Staff has coordinated with all applicable City, Fire, Rescue, 911, EMS, and Law Enforcement agencies. Additionally, the Collier County Addressing Department was notified of the proposed street name change. There were no comments opposing the requested change. Mrs. Ehlen indicated she will be responsible for all City and County costs associated with the street name change.

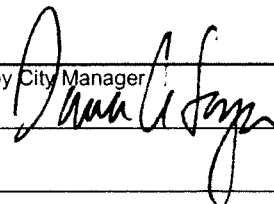
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Conduct public hearing. Consider Petition SNC-07-01 for approval.

Reviewed by Department Director



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Council Action:

Motion by:

Second by: