

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Taylor Lonsdale, Transportation Engineer
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SUBJECT: A Resolution Declaring the Intent of the Commission to Change the Name of Graf Street to East Graf Street for the segment of Graf Street east of Tracy Avenue

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: Consider the Motion: I move to approve a resolution Declaring the Intent of the Commission to change the name of Graf Street to East Graf Street for the segment of Graf Street east of Tracy Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: City of Bozeman Resolution 3628 Adopting a Rule of Procedure for the Change of Name of Streets and the Discontinuance, Abandonment or Vacation of Streets or Alleys outlines the process for changing the name of a street.

The City of Bozeman received a petition from the South Meadow Condominium Owners Association, which includes 100 residential units, to change the name of Graf Street to East Graf Street. The requested street name change is for the segment of Graf Street east of Tracy Avenue.

In accordance with Resolution 3628 passed and adopted on September 22, 2003, the City Clerk placed the petition on the Consent Agenda on March 24, 2026, to acknowledge receipt and direct that the petition be forwarded to City staff for review.

Transportation and Engineering staff completed review of the street name change and recommend changing the name of Graf Street to East Graf Street, for the segment of Graf Street east of Tracy Avenue. The attached memo shall be considered the Engineering Staff Report as required by Resolution 3628.

The official street name on the recorded plats is Graf Street. However, in accordance with City Municode Section – 10.07.060.A (Numbering system described; base lines), all streets and avenues running north and south shall

be numbered from Main Street as a base or division line and shall be numbered north and south therefrom. All streets running east and west shall be numbered from Tracy Avenue as a base or division line and shall be numbered east and west therefrom. Therefore, all streets that cross the east-west zero baseline shall be designated with the appropriate east or west directional prefix. The east-west zero baseline is Tracy Avenue.

When Graf Street was originally platted, it was not anticipated that it would cross the terminus line of Tracy Avenue. However, with the recent growth the City has been experiencing, Graf Street has crossed Tracy Avenue and not correcting the street name will yield duplication of address numbers on Graf Street, west and east of Tracy Avenue, and cause impacts to services such as mail and emergency response. Therefore, it is recommended by City staff to change the name of Graf Street to East Graf Street, for the Graf Street segment east of Tracy Avenue.

The proposed motion “Declaring the Intent of the Commission to Change the Name of Graf Street to East Graf Street” is the next step in the City’s street name change procedure in accordance with Resolution 3628, which directs the City Clerk to publish public notice of the proposed street name change as required in Montana Code Annotated. The public notice will identify that the regular session of the City Commission to be held at the Commission Meeting Room located at City Hall, 121 N. Rouse Avenue, Bozeman, Montana, on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. will serve as a hearing for all objections to changing the name of Graf Street to East Graf Street for the segment of Graf Street east of Tracy Avenue. Commission decision on the petition will be made at that time.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: Failure to approve will result in the denial of the petition prior to hearing and decision.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

[Resolution __of__ Intent Graf Street to E Graf Street_Final.docx](#)

[Mailing List_Graf St to East Graf St.pdf](#)

[Graf St to East Graf Street Map Exhibit A_Final.pdf](#)

[Notice_of_Intent_Graf St to East Graf St_Final](#)

[Staff Report - Graf St to East Graf St](#)

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