

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Alex Newby, Deputy City Clerk  
Mike Maas, City Clerk  
Taylor Lonsdale, Transportation Engineer  
Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Acknowledging the Receipt of a Petition to Change the Name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Ave

**MEETING DATE:** April 7, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Administration

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider the Motion: The commission acknowledges receipt of a petition to change the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Ave and forwards the petition on to Staff for review in accordance the requirements and process outline by Resolution 3628.

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

**BACKGROUND:** [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. This item is the first step in that process.

In accordance with Commission Resolution No. 3628 passed and adopted on September 22, 2003, the Transportation and Engineering Department proposes a resolution to change the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue.

Thomas Drive is a dead-end north-south local street segment. The south end of Thomas Drive connects to North 27th Avenue at Baxter Lane. To the north Thomas Drive aligns with the intersection of North 27th Avenue and Cattail Street. North 27th Avenue exists north and south of Thomas Drive. See attached map.

North 27th Avenue is identified as a Collector Street in the City's Transportation Master Plan because North 27th Avenue serves to connect neighborhoods and collect traffic from local streets. Over the last decade, several Gallatin County inholding parcels along Thomas Drive have annexed into the City. Through the City's Capital Improvement Program, the City plans to reconstruct Thomas Drive to meet the City's collector street standard. Specifically, the City's capital improvement Project SIF 152 – N27th Avenue: Baxter Lane to Cattail Street will begin construction in the summer

of 2026 and will include a traffic signal at Baxter Lane and a roundabout at Cattail Street.

It is City policy for all new streets to assume the name of the street with which it aligns unless the street does not and cannot in the future connect to an existing street segment along the alignment. Changing the name of Thomas Drive will bring the street segment into compliance with City policy. Additionally, changing the name of Thomas Drive will provide continuity and consistency for emergency response agencies and residents.

The Transportation and Engineering Department requests that the City Clerk place an item on the City Commission Consent agenda acknowledging the receipt of a request for Resolution to Change the Name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As identified by the commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

Attachments:

[Thomas Drive Street Name Change Map.pdf](#)

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