

Process to Submit Names for the Square located at Abercorn Street and East Wayne Street

The process for naming public property is governed by City Ordinance outlined in [Article E. Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets](#). The naming requirements, per the ordinance, vary depending on property type and nature of the request. The square located between Abercorn and Wayne Street is unnamed public property which is detailed in Article E. Section. 4-1101-1102.

Important Sections of Naming Ordinance Article E. to review:

Sec. 4-1101. - Naming criteria and requirements.

Sec. 4-1102. - Naming new facilities or public property.

Application Criteria and Requirements

Proposed naming must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- It honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia or the United States of America;
- It commemorates local history, places, events or culture;
- It strengthens neighborhood identity; or
- It recognizes native wildlife or natural geographical features.

Naming request must consider the following criteria;

- The number of residents and businesses directly impacted;
- Community diversity;
- The historical significance of preexisting name or location;
- The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;
- The impact on emergency service delivery; and
- Continuity and stability.

Natural Person Naming Request shall consider the following

- The proposed honoree shall be deceased, absent extraordinary circumstances;
- Whether the proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- Contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community; and
- Achievement by a native Savannahian of national or international acclaim in a specific field of endeavor that has reflected positively on Savannah.

Application must additionally include the following items:

- Name and Contact Information of the Applicant
- Support Letter from one of the following Savannah City Council members representing the square (Mayor, At-Large Post 1, At-Large Post 2, or District 2 Alderman)

- Proposed Name
- Statement of Significance for proposed name with supporting citations

The following shall not be considered:

- Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than five years, other than prominent national figures;
- Names assigned to existing public property within the city or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion; and
- Commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.

Submission Requirements:

- Review Article E. Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets
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- Support Letter from one of the following Savannah City Council members representing the square (Mayor, At-Large Post 1, At-Large Post 2, or District 2 Alderman)
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Optional Materials:

- Letters of Support- Individual, Neighborhood, Community, etc.

Submit all applications or questions to Square@savannahga.gov or call (912) 651-6401.

Process Timeline:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
March 28- May 15, 2023	Applications Accepted	Applicants can submit applications for consideration.
May 15, 2023, 11:59 pm	Applications Deadline*	No application will be accepted after May 15, 2023 at 11:59 pm.
May 1- June 1, 2023	Staff Review	Municipal Archives and the Park and Tree Department will review applications for accuracy and criteria outlined within Article E.
June 2023	Public Meeting	Public Meeting to update process and present applications received.
July 2023	Park and Tree Commission Review	The Park and Tree Commission will review applications, hear public comment, and approve a recommendation for Savannah City Council.
August 2023	Historic Site and Monument Commission Review	Historic Site and Monument Commission (HSMC) will review applications, hear public comment, and approve a recommendation for Savannah City Council.
August- September 2023	Savannah City Council	Savannah City Council will consider the recommendations received from Park and Tree and HSMC, hear public comment, and vote on a name for the square.

*After the application deadline, staff will contact the applicants regarding next steps.

All applications or questions regarding the process should be submitted to:

Square@savannahga.gov