

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3888**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 2-93, NAMING BOARD, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR NAMING CITY FACILITIES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of North Richland Hills, Texas ("the City") is a home rule city acting under its power adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council finds that Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-93 be amended to impose a 90-day moratorium of the naming of facilities for retired city employees and outgoing elected officials, and to provide a process to consider rescinding a name of a public facility under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** the guidelines for the naming of city facilities shall be governed by Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, of the City Code of Ordinances, the Naming Board shall meet as defined by the Open Meetings Act, and forward their recommendation to the City Council for final approval by at least three-fourths vote of the council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby finds the recitals above to be true and correct, and such recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if written herein.

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, of the City Code of Ordinances, Naming Board, Section 2-93 be amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 2-93. Guidelines for naming city facilities.**

The following guidelines shall be followed in arriving at a name for a city facility:

- (1) When giving a name to a facility in honor of a person, living or dead, that person must have made a significant contribution to the community or must have been an outstanding community leader.

- (2) If the naming board, or council, is considering the name of a deceased person, 90 days must have elapsed since that person's date of death.
- (3) If the naming board, or council, is considering the name of a retired city employee or elected official, 90 days must have elapsed since retirement (employee) or leaving office (public official).
- (4) No more than one city facility shall be named after any one person. A name may be repeated only for purposes of being added to a ring of honor.
- (5) The naming board shall, as part of its duties, do a background search on any person it recommends and shall ascertain affirmatively that the person's name is appropriate for the naming of the subject facility.
- (6) Renaming of a public facility which has been named after an individual is prohibited, unless such individual is convicted of a felony, or is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest to a misdemeanor or a felony involving a crime of moral turpitude for fraud, deceit, or theft or dishonesty. The naming board shall meet as defined by the Open Meetings Act to review and consider rescinding a name of a public facility. The naming board shall forward their recommendation to the City Council for final approval by at least three-fourths vote of the council.
- (7) Names considered which do not meet these guidelines may only be selected, if approved by at least three-fourths vote of the council."

**SECTION 3:** That all other provisions of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, of the City's Code of Ordinances, not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such

accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**SECTION 6:** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

**SECTION 7:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

**CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**

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Jack McCarty, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Alicia Richardson  
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney

**RECOMMENDED:**

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Paulette A. Hartman, City Manager