

## MEMORANDUM

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May 29, 2012

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator  
David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive  
Paul Holzen, Director of Engineering  
Crystal Bishop, Stormwater Coordinator

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2012-32: A Resolution Establishing Names for Unnamed Streams in Franklin that Drain into the Harpeth River and its Tributaries

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider a resolution establishing names for unnamed streams in Franklin that course through the corporate boundary. The resolution would be included with the application to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN).

### **Background**

Currently, City staff relies on geographical information system (GIS) information from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the State of Tennessee, and Williamson County to determine the name of a stream. However, many inconsistencies lie between the three entities, which hinder communication between staff, citizens, and the development community. To correct this issue, staff is in the process of filing a Proposed Stream Name Application with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN).

The procedure for changing geographical names is fairly simple as any individual or entity may apply for a name change and the application can be completed on the USGS website.

1. Submit an application for change to the Executive Secretary of BGN, including supporting documents such as a City Resolution.
2. The BGN consults with State and Local (if applicant is not a Municipality) organizations on any conflicts or duplicates.
3. The BGN makes a decision in about 3 to 6 months, with the change appearing on the next federally published map. An approval letter is mailed to the applicant.

Over the past few months staff has been field verifying if unnamed waterbodies on USGS topographic maps are streams or wet-weather conveyances. City Staff has listed names for the 42 streams. The names are derived from information gathered during public meetings and by using topographic maps, deed records and registered landmarks as references.

### **Financial Impact**

None

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2012-32: A Resolution Establishing Names for Unnamed Streams in Franklin that Drain into the Harpeth River and its Tributaries.

**RESOLUTION 2012-32**  
**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NAMES FOR UNNAMED STREAMS**  
**IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN THAT DRAIN INTO THE HARPETH**  
**RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin wishes to clarify nomenclature of local streams and remove any inconsistencies that may exist in order to enhance communication between the City of Franklin, its citizens, and other local, state, and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin, after consultation with appropriate authorities, and in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of the U.S. Geological Survey, has developed a Stream Naming Plan for the unnamed streams that course through the City, which Plan is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin proposes to submit the stream names proposed in Exhibit A to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of The U.S. Geological Survey, and following approval, to utilize the approved stream names on all local maps, as appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that:

1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin do hereby accept the Stream Naming Plan for the unnamed streams that course through the City, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, which specifically recommends the following stream names:

Hatcher Spring Creek  
Glass Branch  
Thompson-Shelton Branch  
Jewell Branch  
Green Hill Branch  
Boyd Mill Branch  
Woodland Branch  
More Spring  
Livingfield Branch  
Carlisle Branch  
Scruggs Branch  
Hamilton-Brown Branch  
Cowell Branch  
Guffee Branch  
Pewitt Branch  
Sappington Branch  
Willoughby Branch  
Harvey Spring  
Pickering Branch

German Branch  
McKays Branch  
Wilson Spring Branch  
Herbert Branch  
Nolen Branch  
Harlinsdale Spring  
Ralston Creek  
Huffine Spring Branch  
Royal Branch  
Cameron Spring  
Parrish Spring Branch  
Glen Echo Branch  
Robinson Spring Branch  
Carothers Branch  
Ladd Branch  
Bishop Branch  
Martin-Hughes Branch  
Halfacre Branch  
Pratt Creek  
Lookout Hill Branch  
Shumate Branch  
Edgmon Branch

2. The Engineering Department is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, along with the required application forms.
3. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin requests that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names take the Board's Resolution into consideration and approve the application(s).
4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

ATTEST:

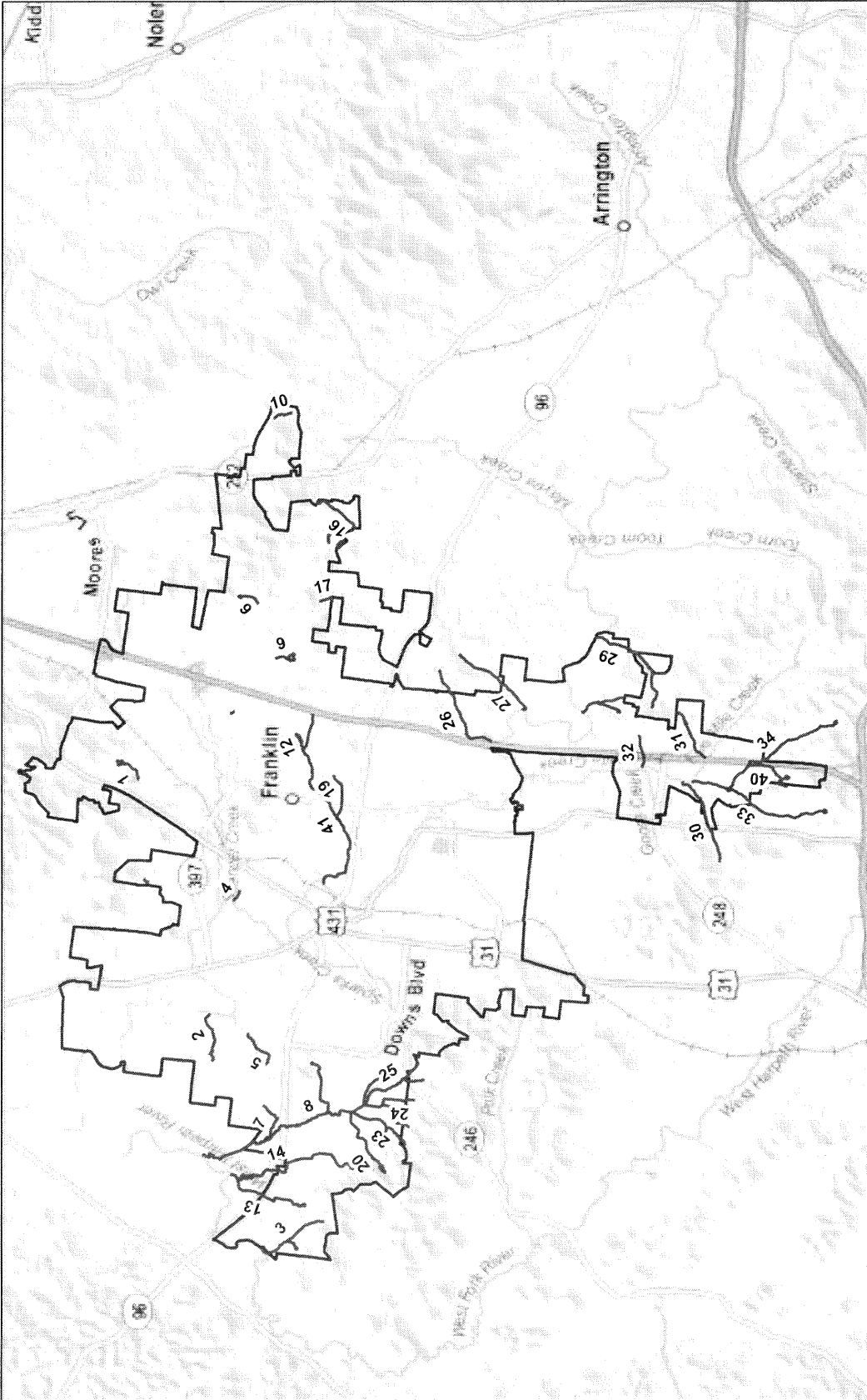
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Stuckey  
City Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Ken Moore  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristen L. Corn  
Staff Attorney



| Number | Name                    |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 1      | Parish Branch           |
| 2      | Livingfield Branch      |
| 3      | Boyd Mill Branch        |
| 4      | Harlinsdale Spring      |
| 5      | Carlisle Branch         |
| 6      | Harvey Spring           |
| 7      | Hamilton-Brown Branch   |
| 8      | Hatcher Spring          |
| 9      | Pickering Branch        |
| 10     | Herbert Branch          |
| 11     | Woodland Branch         |
| 12     | Huffine Spring Branch   |
| 13     | Jewell Branch           |
| 14     | Glass Branch            |
| 15     | Green Hill Branch       |
| 16     | Wilson Spring Branch    |
| 17     | German Branch           |
| 18     | Nolan Branch            |
| 19     | Royal Branch            |
| 20     | Thompson-Shelton Branch |
| 21     | Pewitt Branch           |
| 22     | Cowell Branch           |
| 23     | Guffee Branch           |
| 24     | Sappington Branch       |
| 25     | Scruggs Branch          |
| 26     | Robinson Spring Branch  |
| 27     | Carother Branch         |
| 28     | Ladd Branch             |
| 29     | Bishop Branch           |
| 30     | Edgmon Branch           |
| 31     | Halfacre Branch         |
| 32     | Martin Hughes Branch    |
| 33     | Shuemate Branch         |
| 34     | Pratt Creek             |
| 35     | McKays Branch           |
| 36     | Cameron Spring          |
| 37     | Glen Echo Branch        |
| 38     | More Spring             |
| 39     | Willoughby Branch       |
| 40     | Lookout Hill Branch     |
| 41     | Ralston Branch          |



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City of Franklin Stream Naming Plan

Exhibit A

- Legend**
- City Limits
  - Unnamed Streams

