## 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:

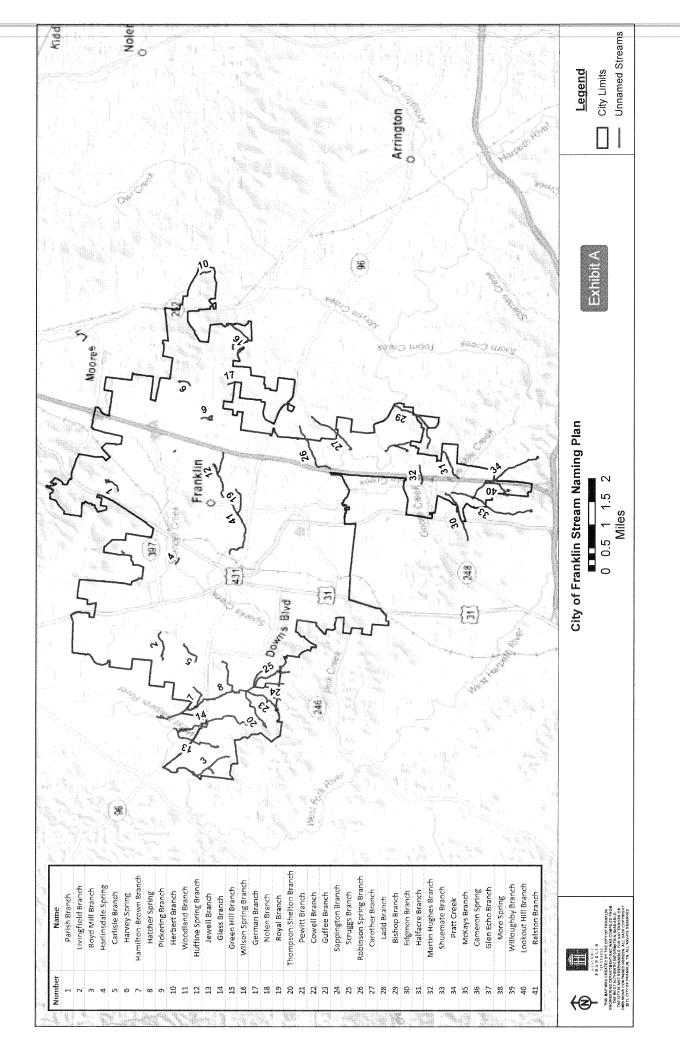
1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin do hereby accept the Stream Naming Plan for the unnamed streams that course through the City, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, which specifically recommends the following stream names:

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:	By:
Eric S. Stuckey	Dr. Ken Moore
City Administrator	Mayor
Approved as to form:	
Kristen L. Corn	
Staff Attorney	





# MEMORANDUM

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 if 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.