



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Joseph Horwedel

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 15, 2008

Approved

*Debra Fabra*

Date

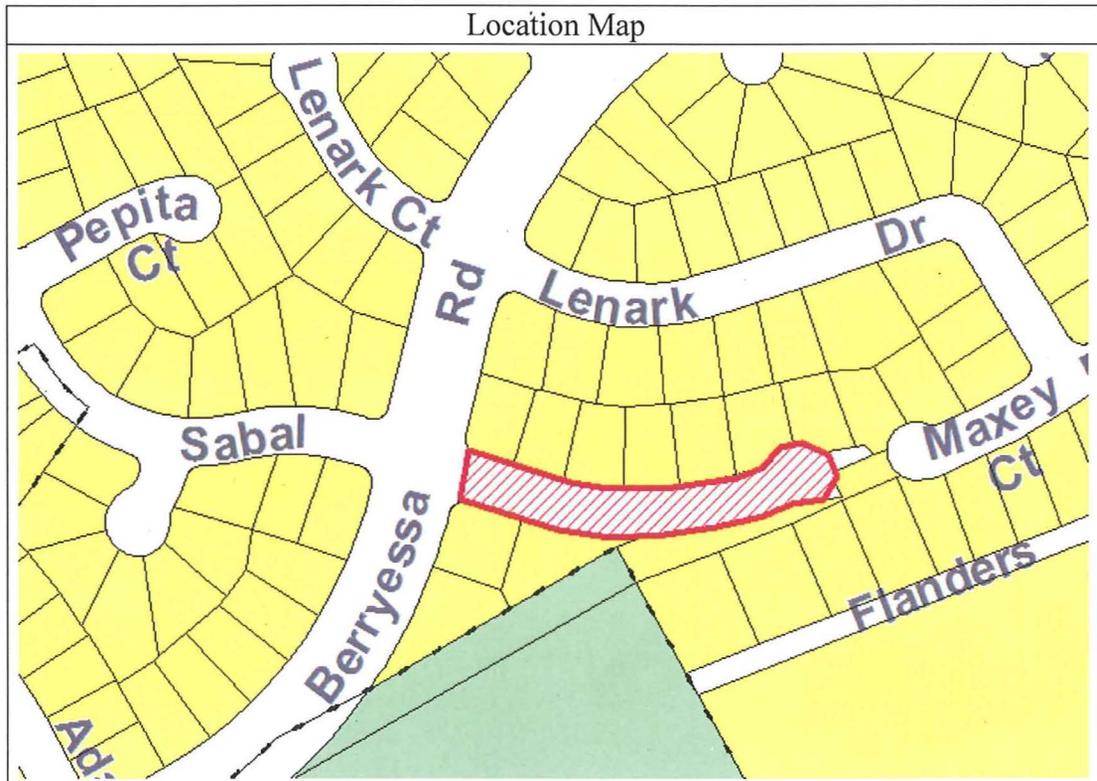
*9/19/08*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 4  
**SNI AREA:** N/A

**SUBJECT: ST08-003. STREET RENAMING TO CHANGE SABAL DRIVE EAST OF BERRYESSA ROAD TO SABAL COURT IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PROPERTY LOCATIONS FOR POST OFFICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

## RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed street renaming.

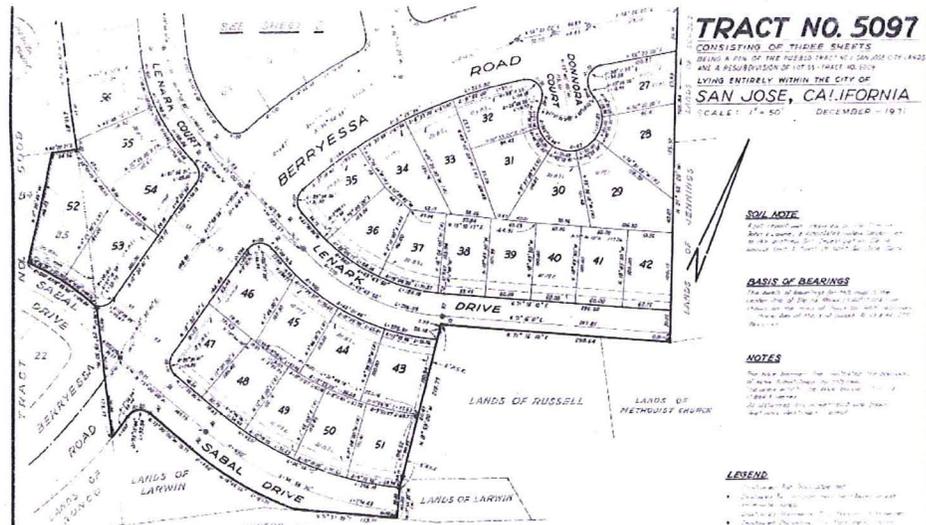


**OUTCOME**

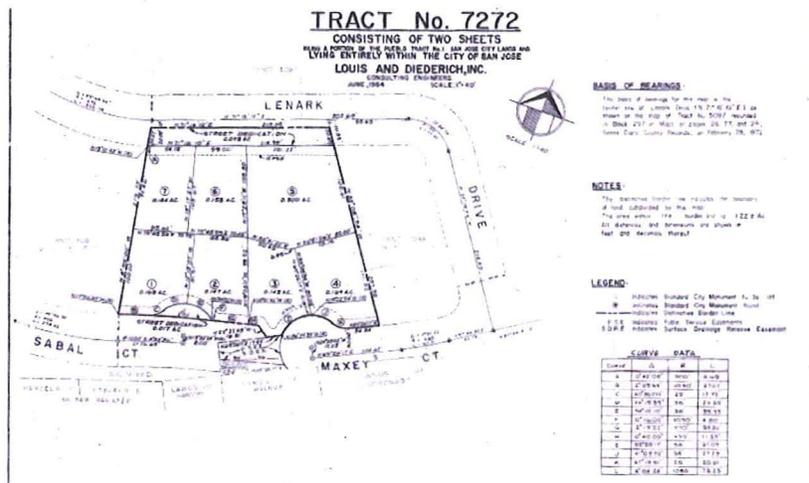
Adopt a resolution approving the proposed new street name.

**BACKGROUND**

In December 1971, Sabal Drive was included in a subdivision map for Tract No. 5097. Sabal Drive was continued across Berryessa Rd. from west to east. The street was designed to be constructed as a through street to Piedmont Road through future subdivisions. In June 1984, another subdivision map was approved for a 7-lot residential project. This project was designed to terminate Sabal Drive in a cul-de-sac. On this map, the street was listed as Sabal Court. In summary, there are properties on the eastern extension of Sabal Drive which have addresses of Sabal Drive and Sabal Court.



Tract No. 5097 creating extension of Sabal Drive easterly across Berryessa Rd.



Tract No. 7272 creating Sabal Ct., terminus of Sabal Drive

### ANALYSIS

The renaming of the easterly extension of Sabal Drive to Sabal Court is consistent with the City of San Jose Council Policy 6-5; *Street Naming and Renaming*, in that the purpose of the renaming is to correct an existing situation that has created conflict and misunderstanding. This renaming will then promote the public welfare and general convenience of the community. Based on this analysis staff concludes that the proposed renaming of the easterly extension of Sabal Drive to Sabal Court conforms to City Council Policy 6-5.

### EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Not Applicable.

### POLICY ALTERNATIVES

**Alternative:** The City Council could deny the proposed Street Renaming application, which would maintain the street names as they were approved on the tract maps.

**Pros:** No change to the existing street name would occur and resident's addresses would remain the same.

**Cons:** The confusion associated with the street name would continue and, there would need to be a street sign installed at Sabal Drive and Berryessa Road to mark the portion of the cul-de-sac named Sabal Drive and additional street signs at that intersection and a second sign 270 feet easterly to designate that Sabal Ct. is also part of the street to the east.

**Reason for not recommending:** Staff is not supportive of this alternative as it would continue the confusion of the street name among emergency response personnel, the United States Postal Service and residents.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

The Street Renaming Policy (Council Policy 6-5) typically calls for two community meetings to occur as part of the street renaming process. The Policy, however, is intended to address situations where nearby homeowners and/or businesses would have their addresses impacted. In this instance, the main portion of the street name remains the same and only the suffix is affected. Also, the purpose of the street renaming is to correct a City error which can lead to complications with

emergencies services. For these reasons, only one community meeting was held on August 27, 2008, where approximately five residents were present.

All five residents expressed that they would prefer the street be renamed to Sabal Court, since the street is a cul-de-sac, the matter would be finalized, and the existing street sign already says Sabal Court.

In accordance with Council Policy 6-30, Public Outreach Policy, a notice of the proposed change was mailed to all owners and occupants within a 500-foot radius of the subject street renaming. This staff report is also posted on the City's website, and staff has been available to respond to questions from the public.

#### **COORDINATION**

This project was coordinated with the Building Division and the Department of Public Works.

#### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This project is consistent with applicable General Plan policies and City Council approved policies.

#### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

#### **BUDGET REFERENCE**

Not applicable.

#### **CEQA**

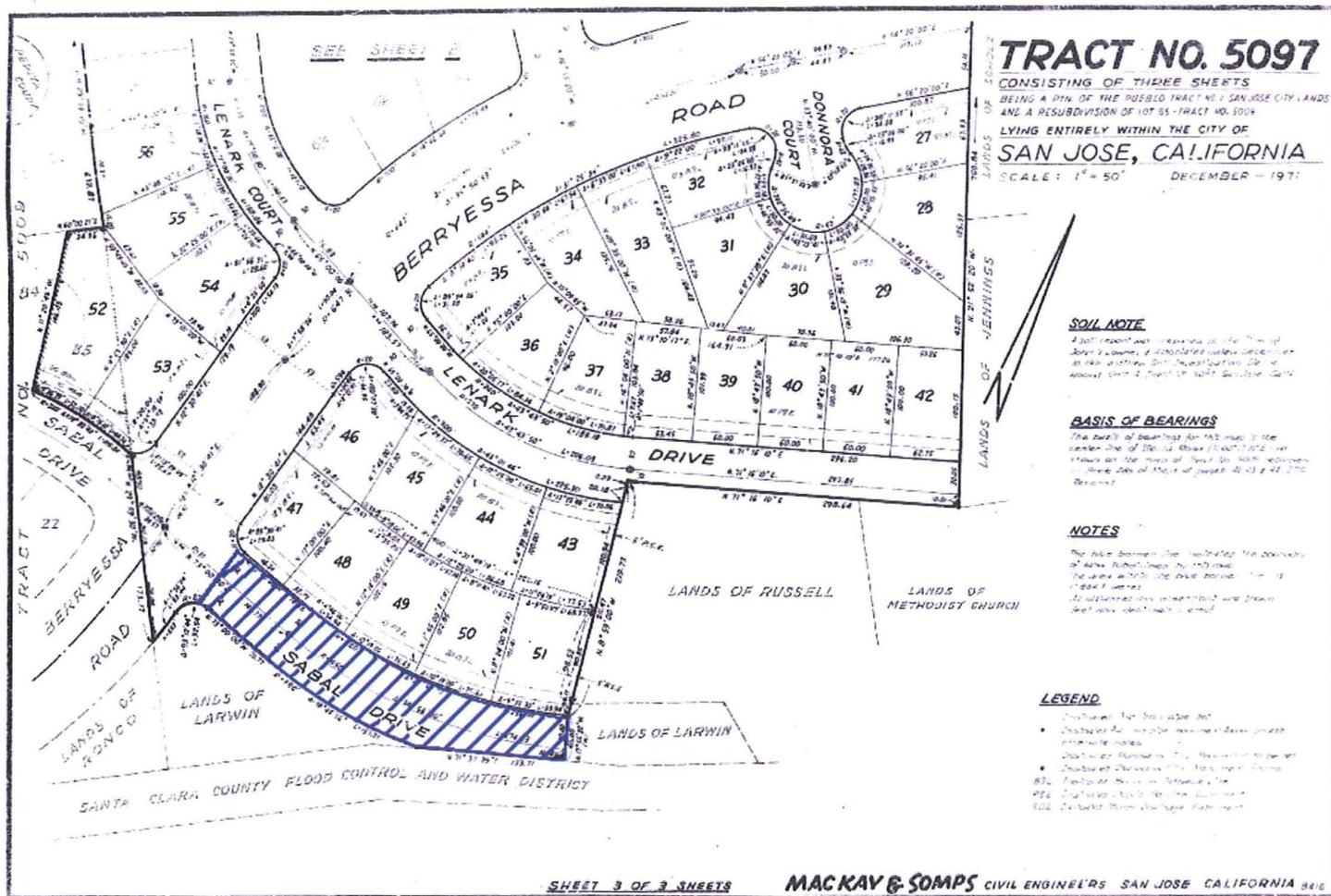
CEQA: Exempt.



*FOR*   
JOSEPH HORWEDEL, DIRECTOR  
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

For questions please contact Avril Baty at 408-535-7800.

**EXHIBIT "A"**



**TRACT NO. 5097**  
 CONSISTING OF THREE SHEETS  
 BEING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC TRACT NO. 1 SAN JOSE CITY LANDS  
 AND A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 55 - TRACT NO. 5009  
 LYING ENTIRELY WITHIN THE CITY OF  
**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**  
 SCALE: 1" = 50'      DECEMBER - 1971

**SOIL NOTE**  
 A soil report was prepared on the 17th of  
 July 1969, by J. H. HARRIS, a registered  
 geologist, and is on file in the office of  
 the engineer. The report is attached  
 hereto as a part of the record.

**BASIS OF BEARINGS**  
 The bearings of bearings are measured to the  
 center line of Sabal Drive (1400' wide) as  
 shown on the plat of Sabal Drive, which  
 is on file in the office of the engineer.

**NOTES**  
 The title herein is intended to describe the  
 portion of the public tract No. 1, San Jose  
 City Lands, which is being subdivided  
 into lots as shown on this plat.  
 All dimensions are in feet and inches  
 and are rounded to the nearest inch.

**LEGEND**  
 Shaded for title area  
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 **Portion to be renamed Sabal Court**

