

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-270

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 25, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** April 25, 2023

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendments

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 745 – Addressing and Street Naming Regulations – to add new definitions for “approved private road”, “public maintained road”, “public unmaintained road”, “unnamed shared accessway”, “unapproved private road”, and “unopened right-of-way”. It provides regulations for the numbering of accessory dwelling units and basement units and for the naming and addressing of the various types of roads and accessways covered by the new definitions.

**Background Information:** The ordinance recently approved by the Council to permit accessory dwelling units in rear yards may result in those units not being visible from the street and therefore difficult to locate by emergency responders without good addresses. The City’s addressing staff has also begun receiving requests for the assignment of addresses to basement dwellings, particularly in the downtown area as commercial buildings are being adaptively reused for residential purposes. Requests have also been received for assignment of addresses on non-standard roads including recorded access easements, unapproved private roads and public unmaintained roads. The 911 Emergency Addressing and Advisory Committee has developed a package of recommendations to deal with these various situations that require clarification and establishment of standard addressing policies.

**Policy Impact Area:** Roadway naming and building addressing policies

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal

**Analyst:** Clements