



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer**  
**FROM: William R. Gray, P.E., Public Works Director**  
**DATE: February 23, 2006**  
**RE: North Lierman Avenue Street Name Change**

**INTRODUCTION**

Recently, the City received a request from Peter Alexander, owner of Peter B's Automotive, to change North Lierman Avenue to a different name. Mr. Alexander had received complaints from his customers regarding the difficulty they had finding his business since Lierman Avenue is not continuous between University Avenue and Main Street. Mr. Alexander's business, located at 509 North Lierman Avenue, is the only parcel addressed on North Lierman Avenue. To reduce confusion to motorists, Mr. Alexander has requested that Lierman Avenue, north of University Avenue, be renamed.

The suggested renaming of Lierman Avenue is Khan Drive. Mr. Shahid R. Khan exemplifies the vision of the American Dream. Mr. Khan came to the community from Pakistan to study engineering at the University of Illinois. While a student, he was employed at Flex-N-Gate, where he continued to work until seven years after he had completed a Bachelor's of Science degree. At that time, Mr. Khan took a loan from the Small Business Administration to form his own business. As a small business owner, Mr. Khan developed a seamless bumper that is now used by most of the major automobile companies. In 1980, Mr. Khan purchased Flex-N-Gate and returned to Urbana. Under his leadership, Flex-N-Gate has become an international supplier of bumper systems.

In addition to sharing the entrepreneurial spirit that has made Flex-N-Gate a successful business with others in the business community, Mr. Khan actively participates in social and civic causes within the Urbana-Champaign community.

The proposed street name change would impact one business (Peter B's Automotive), but it would not impact any residence.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

The impacts of renaming Lierman Avenue to Khan Drive involve the removal of street name signs and the installation of new street name signs. This cost is estimated to be less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The existing budget can fund the material costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council approve "An Ordinance Renaming North Lierman Avenue to Khan Drive."

Attachments

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02-025

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING NORTH LIERMAN AVENUE TO KHAN DRIVE

WHEREAS, the street on the north side of University Avenue is presently named "North Lierman Avenue"; and

WHEREAS, the reason of public safety, it is desirable that the north side roadway be renamed to allow a more accurate identification of a location on such roadway in the event of a motorist is seeking to locate a business on such roadway; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that Shahid R. Khan be recognized for his entrepreneurial spirit as the owner of Flex-N-Gate Corporation and as a community leader in the City of Urbana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that the following described public road is hereby changed from "North Lierman Avenue" to "Khan Drive":

A street situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, further described as follows:

All that part of Lierman Avenue from the northerly line of University Avenue (U.S. Route 150), North approximately 635 feet, to it's terminus at the southerly line of Butzow Drive.

Situated in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as shown on the sketch attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor



PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE  
LIERMAN AVENUE-between  
University Avenue & Butzow Drive



City of Urbana  
Public Works Dept  
Engineering Division  
Date: 02/22/06 PLS

