

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2026-664

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE
ASSIGNMENT OF A ROAD NAME FOR E-911 ADDRESSING PURPOSES WITHIN AN
EXISTING UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY**

WHEREAS, certain properties within the Town of Walden obtain access through an existing dedicated right-of-way that was shown on an historic subdivision plat but was never constructed to Town street standards or formally accepted by the Town as a public street; and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way remains an unopened public right-of-way, and property owners in the vicinity have historically been permitted to construct and maintain private driveway access within the right-of-way at their own expense; and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a special permit allowing access to certain property within the right-of-way at the property owner's expense; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County GIS and E-911 have advised the Town that, because multiple properties obtain access from the same general accessway, a road name is needed for addressing and emergency-response purposes; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has indicated that its primary concern is the designation of the existing access as a named roadway from which affected properties may be addressed, rather than requiring the Town to construct or accept the access as a public street;

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds that assigning a name to the existing access for addressing and emergency-response purposes will assist Hamilton County E-911 in identifying and locating properties served by the access; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to make clear that such naming shall not constitute the opening, acceptance, abandonment, vacation, or reclassification of the underlying public right-of-way.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Road Name Authorized

For the limited purposes of E-911 addressing, emergency response, mapping, and property identification, the existing shared access located within the unopened right-of-way generally serving certain properties in the vicinity of Wilson Avenue between Center Street and Minnetta Lane, further illustrated by Exhibit A, is hereby authorized to be designated as:

for addressing and emergency-response purposes.

Section 2. Legal Status of Right-of-Way Unchanged

The designation authorized by this Resolution is administrative in nature and shall **not** constitute:

1. the opening or construction of the underlying right-of-way as a public street;
2. the acceptance of the right-of-way or existing travelway as a Town-maintained road;
3. the establishment or approval of a private street or private road under the Town's Subdivision Regulations;
4. the abandonment or vacation of any portion of the existing public right-of-way;
5. the conveyance, release, or alteration of any public or private property interest or access right; or
6. approval of any future subdivision, development, or additional access within the right-of-way.

Section 3. No Town Maintenance Obligation

Nothing in this Resolution shall obligate the Town of Walden to construct, pave, improve, repair, maintain, drain, clear, or otherwise service the existing accessway. Maintenance and improvement responsibilities shall remain unchanged by the adoption of this Resolution.

Section 4. Existing Access Authorizations Unaffected

This Resolution shall not modify or supersede any previously approved special permit, easement, plat note, or other authorization relating to access within the unopened right-of-way. Any future use, improvement, subdivision, or development of property utilizing the right-of-way shall remain subject to all applicable Town ordinances, subdivision regulations, permits, and other requirements.

Section 5. Hamilton County GIS and E-911

The Town authorizes Hamilton County GIS, Hamilton County E-911, and other appropriate governmental agencies to use the road name established by this Resolution for addressing, mapping, dispatch, and emergency-response purposes.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

10/21/2026

Mayor Lee Davis

Recorder Stacy Stewart

Exhibit A. Map of Private Road to be Named.

