



SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution to rename an existing public street from Industrial Spur Road to Lambert Drive. The street is located on the northwest side of Crescent Boulevard, west of Novi Road and north of Grand River, in Section 15.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Now that the construction of the northwest quadrant of the Crescent Boulevard extension has been completed, the City Council is asked to consider a name for the section of the new road that provides a connection from new Crescent Boulevard to the industrial building to the west. This section of the road had not been considered for a formal name during the design and construction stage but has been referred to as the Industrial Spur Road on various plans and drawings. Please see the attached exhibit showing the location of the road in question.

Following discussion by the City's Project and Street Naming Committee to consider names to honor a former public safety department director or chief, the City Manager's office suggested proposing a street name associated with an historic figure or family name from this area, as the *Four Corners* section of Novi was home to a number of early residents and businesses.

Staff is now proposing the City Council consider naming the spur road Lambert Drive, as the reported name of the original owner of a house built in 1898, that is now commonly referred to as the Lee Begole House. The location and description are item 14 in the attached copy of the Historical Map, prepared by the Novi Historical Society, dated 1989, with the description quoted below:

Begole House - 43707 Grand River. Built in 1898 by the Lamberts. The property was inherited by their daughter Ethel and used by her husband Dr. Angus Stewart as an office and home. Upon Dr. Stewart's death, Mrs. Stewart rented out a few rooms to hand-picked Novi residents, one of which was Novi's Police Chief Lee Begole. He purchased the home from her estate.

The Project and Street Naming Committee had no objection to the name Lambert Drive (see attached meeting minutes). Street names may be changed by resolution of the City Council pursuant to Section 31-53 of the City Code. The attached resolution is provided for consideration by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption of a resolution to rename an existing public street from Industrial Spur Road to Lambert Drive. The street is located on the northwest side of Crescent Boulevard, west of Novi Road and north of Grand River, in Section 15.

INDUSTRIAL SPUR TO LAMBERT DRIVE

LOCATION



LEGEND

 Subject Site



City of Novi

Dept. of Community Development
City Hall / Civic Center
45175 W Ten Mile Rd
Novi, MI 48375
cityofnovi.org

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Project: Lambert Drive Naming
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1 inch = 214 feet



MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

Map information depicted is not intended to replace or substitute for any official or primary source. This map was intended to meet National Map Accuracy Standards and use the most recent, accurate sources available to the people of the City of Novi. Boundary measurements and area calculations are approximate and should not be construed as survey measurements performed by a licensed Michigan Surveyor as defined in Michigan Public Act 132 of 1970 as amended. Please contact the City GIS Manager to confirm source and accuracy information related to this map.

CITY OF NOVI

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STREET NAME
FROM INDUSTRIAL SPUR ROAD
TO LAMBERT DRIVE

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the Twenty-second day of November, 2021, at the City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Industrial Spur Road currently extends northwest from Crescent Boulevard, west of Novi Road, and north of Grand River Avenue, for a distance of approximately 700 feet, terminating at the building located at 44000 Grand River Avenue; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is seeking approval to rename the existing public road to Lambert Drive in order to honor an historic homeowner in this area, and as a means to further the public health and safety by providing an accurate named location for emergency services to serve the businesses in this area, and for the citizens traversing this part of Novi; and

WHEREAS, the City's records show that no businesses have addresses on Industrial Spur Road; and

WHEREAS, the road work for this section of the road has now been completed, and the public road may now be included in the list of properties eligible for Act 51 funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novi Street Naming Committee reviewed the request and found that there are no street names similar to the requested name, and renaming the street would not cause any concerns from a public safety standpoint; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31, Article V of the City Code allows public and private street names to be changed by resolution of the City Council following review and approval by the City's Street Naming Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Novi City Council that Industrial Spur Road, be renamed Lambert Drive.

AYES:

NAYS:

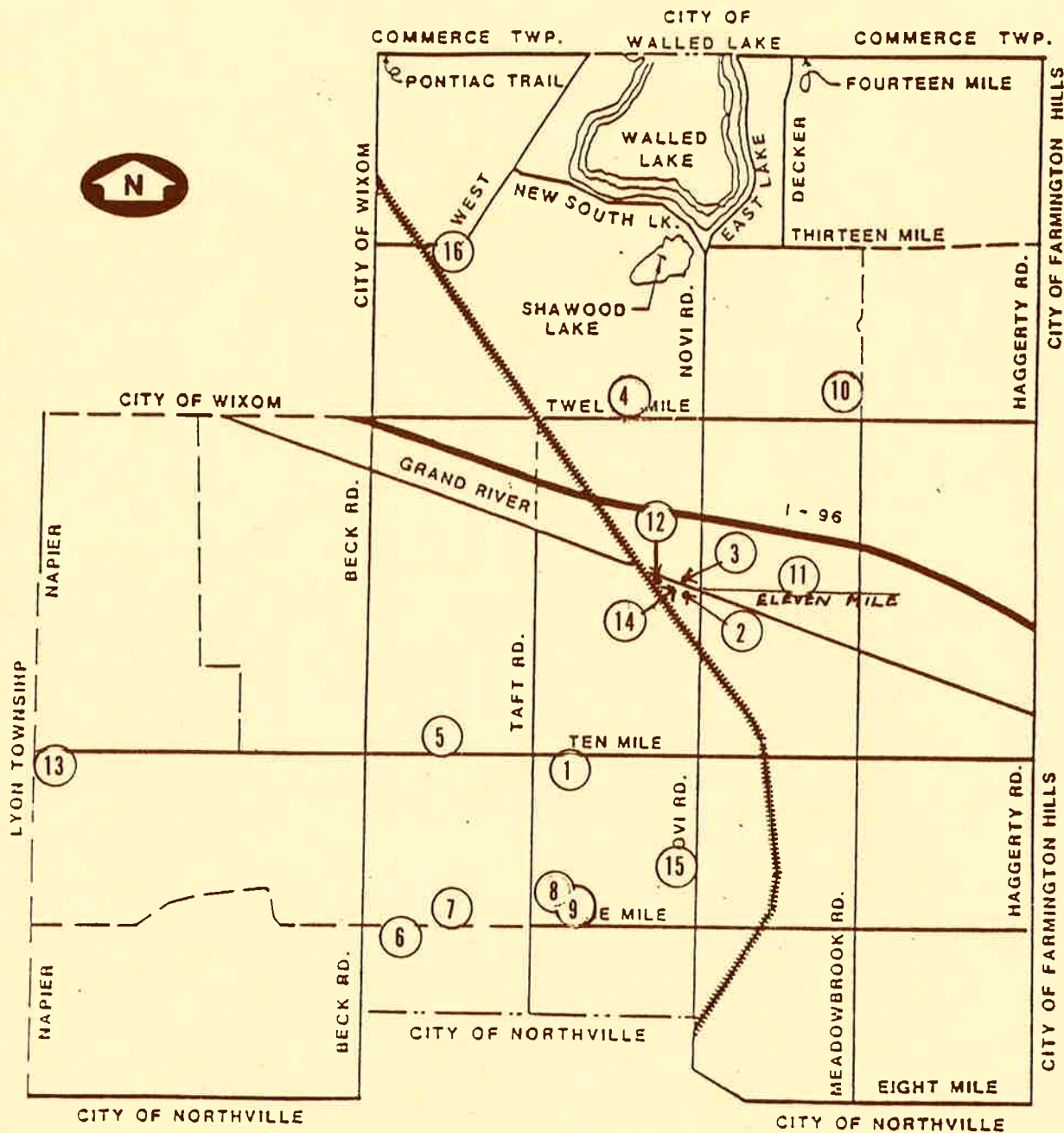
ABSTENTIONS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, CORTNEY HANSON, the duly-qualified Clerk of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a duly-called meeting held on the 22nd day of November, 2021, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 22nd day of November, 2021.

CORTNEY HANSON
Clerk, City of Novi



1 - Novi Town Hall - 45285 W. 10 Mile Rd., just west of Novi Public Library. The property on Novi Road was donated by C. C. Gage. Novi's first Town Hall, constructed in 1876 at a cost of \$800, was destroyed by an electrical storm in 1912. The present building was constructed in 1914 and owned for many years by Frazer Staman, a former supervisor of Novi. Mr. Staman donated the building to the Novi Historical Society, and in 1986 it was moved from Novi Road to its present site.

2 - Methodist Church - 43489 Grand River, south side of street., west of Novi Rd. The church was started in 1875 with \$200 and dedicated in 1876. The bell in the tower weighed 750 pounds. The first pastor was Rev. John A. Boughman. The church was closed for several years in the 1920's and reopened in June 2, 1929. In May 1969 the Methodist church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren church. It has been used as a nursery school for several years.

3 - Wool House - Across Grand River from Methodist Church (now Travel Masters). Many sheep were raised in this area; at the 1908 census Novi had a count of 9,094 sheep. It was noted that a good sheep produced 9 pounds of fleece. The wool was stored in this building before shipment. One of the early sheep raisers in Novi was A. S. Brooks.

4 - Flint House - 44150 W. Twelve Mile, west of Novi Road. Built by Loren Flint about 1829 with an original grant of 680 acres from Abraham Lincoln. House was located at "Flint's Corner", named after its first resident. It consists of 15 rooms made of red and white oak. The original wood shed is now the dining room. The cisterns located under the dining room floor have been filled. The entire house and barn are held together by wooden dowels. The farm was modern and had running water in the barn. The Flint family had a huge orchard, sheep, and Arabian horses. It was recently owned by the Dobeks.

5 - Simmons Orchards - 46300 W. 10 Mile Rd., between Taft and Beck. Built in 1866 by Richard Simmons, son of builder of Green Meade in Livonia. Second brick home built here with bricks made in Novi. Now Voight home.

6 - Lincoln Place - 47133 W. Nine Mile. Built about 1838 by James Palmer, a blacksmith in Northville. Patterned after the Lincoln House in Springfield, Illinois, with 14-inch, centered, black walnut, wood beams. Once was a dairy farm. Now owned by the Bretz family.

7 - Sam White House - 46040 & 46010 W. Nine Mile Rd. Built about 1839, probably shortly after building the barn. Samuel White was the second supervisor of Novi Township. The house has 8 rooms with beamed construction and all wood pegged floors. Windows have hand-blown glass and the interior doors have been restored to the original condition. During the Depression years it was occupied by a women's golf club, then said to be used as a place of "ill repute" by the "ladies of the evening". Now owned by the Brugemans.

The red barn to the east (46010 W. 9 Mile) was typical of the early 1800's with post and beam construction using native hardwoods for the timbers and soft woods for the siding. Until early 1970 the building was used as a dairy barn. In 1979 Dan Williamson purchased the barn and completely converted the interior (retaining the original hay hoist) to a multi-level home. A staircase was cut through to the lower level cattle area which later became the basement. The exterior walls of this typical "Michigan" basement have rocks and mortar 20 to 24 inches thick.

8 - Thornton House - 43180 W. Nine Mile Rd., east of Novi Road, to the left and rear of "Home Sweet Home" restaurant. A 48 year-old widow, Sally Thornton, bought 400 acres on both sides of Novi Road. She came to Novi with her five teen age children in a party of 16 people, including William Yerkes and Thomas Pinkerton, in 1827. This frame house was built on the property across Novi Road in 1830. It was subsequently moved to the east side of Novi Road near where it is now.

9 - Rogers Mansion - 43180 W. Nine Mile Rd., now "Home Sweet Home" restaurant. Built in 1931. This was the original Rogers Mansion built by Charles Rogers when he married Harriet Isabelle Thornton, great granddaughter of Sally Thornton. Downstairs in the fireplace is a cornerstone used in the old smokehouse of the Thornton Farm on which is crudely carved "1877".

10 - Tollgate Farm - Northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile. Named after the No. 6 Tollgate on the toll road to Lansing. Built about 1840 by Samuel Basset with Government grant of 160 acres in 1831. Mr. A. H. Meyer purchased property in 1951 to raise his German Shepherd dogs. In 1956 Ernie and Elizabeth Morris were hired to manage the farm and its restoration. Upon Mr. Meyer's death in 1980 the property went to the Americana Foundation. 60 acres is owned by M.S.U. for an extension of the 4H Club and is now managed by them. This is the largest working farm now in Novi.

11 - Hunt Home - 42500 W. Eleven Mile Rd. Built about 1870 by Harry Spencer, grandfather of Hildred Spencer Hunt still living in home. Originally there was a log cabin on the property. The 14-room house has had many additions and yet maintains the original wood, which is beautifully preserved and hand hewn. Several of the rooms have been converted into an apartment.

12 - Depot - Located south off Grand River, almost under R/R viaduct. The depot was built soon after construction of the railroad in 1871. This was a great scoop for Novi because it was a fast way to get to and from Detroit to get supplies and sell grain. The overpass was built in the early 1920's with the coming of the automobile.

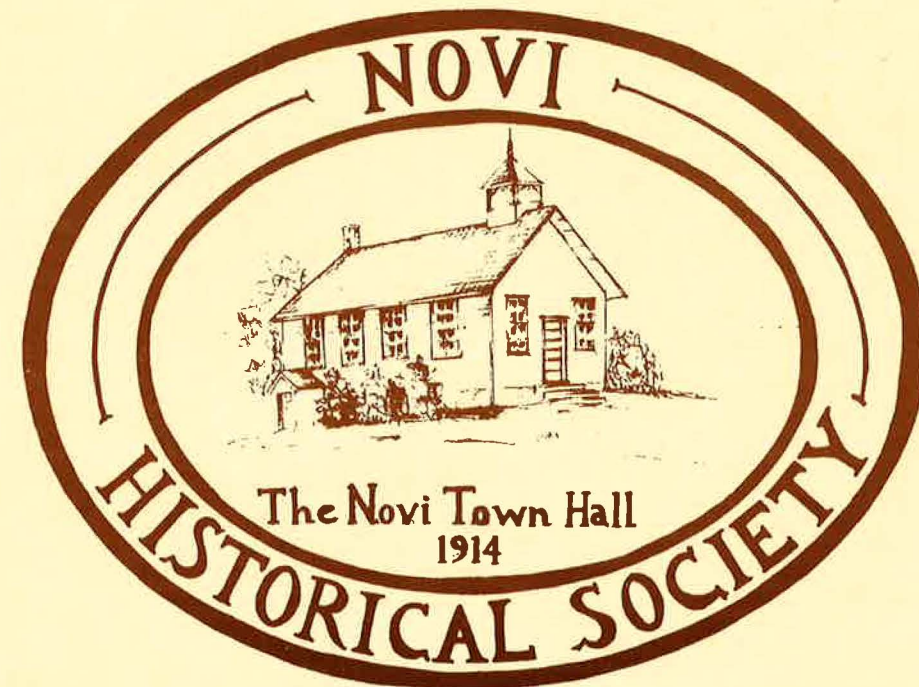
13 - "Stone" Schoolhouse - southeast corner of Ten Mile and Napier. One of first few schoolhouses circa 1874. An example of one of the first schools in Novi - has been enlarged and aluminized - the side facing 10 Mile is the original front. Now Baptist church.

14 - Begole House - 43707 Grand River. Built in 1898 by the Lamberts. The property was inherited by their daughter Ethel and used by her husband Dr. Angus Stewart as an office and home. Upon Dr. Stewart's death, Mrs. Stewart rented out a few rooms to hand-picked Novi residents, one of which was Novi's Police Chief Lee Begole. He purchased the home from her estate.

15 - Johnson Home - 21937 Novi Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile Rds. Built in 1832, original owner being Joseph Eddy. Original deed was signed by 6th president, John Quincy Adams. It has 14 rooms, 5 bedrooms, full attic, and full basement. The fireplace is built of matched cobblestones obtained from this farm land. The dimensions of the house are as true and straight as when built, with no settling or shifting. Interior trim is fashioned of random oak, and floors are fastened with wooden pegs.

16 - Aubrey Home - 46689 West Road. Built about 1839. Originally owned by Homer Chapman. Mrs. Chapman was one of the first school teachers. The house has 11 rooms with 6 bedrooms, 2 kitchens and 2 attics. There once was a "Widow's Walk" atop the roof. The home was converted for a short time into a chicken dinner restaurant called "Tower View".

HISTORICAL MAP NOVI, MICHIGAN



PROJECT & STREET NAMING COMMITTEE AGENDA
September 17, 2020
E-MEETING

45175 W. Ten Mile
248-347-0475

Members: Alan Patterson, Kevin Pierce

Also Attending: Barb McBeth, Keri Blough, Brian Riley, Madeleine Kopko

1. Approval of Project and Street Naming Committee Draft Minutes from June 18, 2020.

Motion to approve the Project & Street Naming Committee Minutes for June 18, 2020 made by Alan Patterson and seconded by Kevin Pierce. Motion carried 2-0.

2. The applicant, BC Novaplex, LLC, is requesting approval of the project name change to **Innova Apartments** for the development project North of 12 Mile Road and West of Haggerty Road. The parcel numbers are 50-22-12-400-009, -010, and -011. The applicant is proposing a 270 unit multiple-family development.

Motion to approve the project name Innova Apartments made by Alan Patterson and seconded by Kevin Pierce. Motion carried 2-0.

3. The City Manager's Office is requesting approval of the street name **Lambert Drive** for the Industrial Spur Road off the new Crescent Boulevard extension. The spur road is located North of Grand River Avenue and West of Novi Road.
 - a. According to historical records, Mr. Lambert was the original owner of the house (built in 1898) that became the Lee BeGole house.

Motion to make a recommendation to the City Council for approval to accept Lambert Drive as a potential street name for the industrial spur road made by Alan Patterson and seconded by Kevin Pierce. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjourn the e-meeting.

Motion to adjourn the e-meeting made by Alan Patterson and seconded by Kevin Pierce.