

Littleton Address Changes 1961 - Background

In 1961 Littleton made a number of address changes to bring their naming and numbering system into harmony with Denver. Before, that Littleton had independently numbered their east/west streets from Prince Street, and their north/south streets from Littleton Boulevard. After the change the streets matched Denver with the north/south divide being Ellsworth Avenue, and the east/west divide being Broadway. The changes were documented on typed index cards, one deck for old to new address and the other deck referring back from the new address to the old address.

NEW	LOT	BLOCK	SUBDIVISION	OLD
West Aberdeen Ave.				Aberdeen Drive East and West
699	- 1 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1600
690	- 1 -	1	Aberdeen Village	1650
679	- 2 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1620
640	- 2 -	1	Aberdeen Village	1635
659	- 3 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1640
639	- 4 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1660
619	- 5 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1680
610	- 3 -	1	Aberdeen Village	1695
589	- 6 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1700

NEW	LOT	BLOCK	SUBDIVISION	OLD
South Aberdeen Street				Aberdeen Drive North and South
6051	- 4 -	3	Aberdeen Village	6155
6052	- 17 -	2	Aberdeen Heights	6160
6061	- 5 -	3	Aberdeen Village	6165
6062	- 18 -	2	Aberdeen Heights	6170
6071	- 6 -	3	Aberdeen Village	6175
6082	- 19 -	2	Aberdeen Heights	6180
6092	- 20 -	2	Aberdeen Heights	6190
6091	- 7 -	3	Aberdeen Heights	6195
6102	- 21 -	32		6200
6101	- 1 -	4		6205
6131	- 2 -	4		6215

NEW	LOT	BLOCK	SUBDIVISION	OLD
ABERDEEN AVENUE WEST				ABERDEEN DRIVE
570	- 4 -	1	Aberdeen Village	1705
549	- 7 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1720
519	- 8 -	22	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1740
520	- 5 -	1	Aberdeen Village	1745
499	- 7 -	24	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1800
449	- 8 -	24	Aberdeen Heights 2nd.	1850

NEW	LOT	BLOCK	SUBDIVISION	OLD
ABERDEEN AVENUE WEST				EVERGREEN ESPLANADE
1689	- 8 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	750
1659	- 7 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	760
1709	- 9 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	740
1789	- 10 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	730
1710	- 13 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	745
1750	- 12 -	-	Sterne Pkwy.	735

In 2015, when Sue Rosser learned that Roger Peterson was worried that his two decks of address change cards might be lost when he eventually retired, she told her friends Cheryl and Ron Floberg about it. The Flobergs are members of the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society and brought the matter to the attention of their fellow members. The Projects Committee looked into it, and saw that it was a reasonable project and volunteered to digitize the cards. The data was entered on a spreadsheet from one of the decks by Bob Jenkins and cross-checked against the other deck by Cheryl Floberg.

The data was checked for consistency by sorting the file in different ways. There were some typos on the original index cards, which were cautiously corrected.

As carefully as the data was checked, there could still be some remaining errors.

The lists are in order by base street name and house number. The base name does not include modifiers such as direction (north, east, etc.) or type of street (avenue, road, circle, etc.). This ordering system matches that used by local tax assessor record lookups and usually produces no duplications. The full name of the street is also shown on the list.

There were 33 street names that were eliminated in the change.

A copy of the two lists were sent to Roger Peterson at the Littleton Public Works Department and to the Littleton Museum.

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Street lights, traffic lights, and road signage of all kinds increased and improved.

As an isolated farm town, Littleton had independently named its streets.

When annexations joined the city to the larger metropolitan area to the north, it was necessary to plan road alignment and reconsider road names.

Originally, the road just south of the Arapahoe County Courthouse was named Broadway.

When the street was extended eastward and joined South Broadway out of Englewood, it was renamed Littleton Broadway to distinguish the two streets.

In 1952, with the approval of Arapahoe County, it was renamed Littleton Boulevard.

By 1958, it was necessary to create a comprehensive street re-naming plan for the entire city.

The city staff rejected the Denver grid and street name system and decided to eliminate duplication and change names only as necessary.

When the initial proposal proved contentious, the Council created a new advisory committee to solve the problem.

After over two years of work, the new street name law was passed in December of 1960.

Beginning in February of 1961, the plan was sequentially implemented in the northeast, southwest, southeast and northwest quadrants of the city.

Quadrant maps showing the new street names were published in the **Independent**, residents received a thirty-day notice of their new address, and new street signs were installed.

Littleton Street Names -
33 that were eliminated in
the 1961 address changes.

Alyce
Barbara
Blue Bonnet
Bonnie
Buckingham
Burton
Davis
Evergreen

Fern
Hazard
Heard
Hillcrest
Joleen
Kassler
Kenmore
Koldway

Leland
Lininger
Locust
Marge
Mitchell
Mullis
Orange
Osmer

Palm
Peabody
Riche
Ridgewood
Sharlor
Valore
Vanda Rae
Vermont
Weber