



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

## RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a hosting agency to German Firefighters for the last several years, and after visiting Apolda, Germany, It became an interest to me to find a street in the Rapid City area to name or rename Apolda Street, Boulevard, etc.

Factors to consider in doing this are:

- To not create additional responsibility for our emergency dispatch center and emergency responders trying to get to the right section of a street.
- To not make it more difficult for property owners who would have to change addresses.
- As the streets change directions, the street numbers could no longer be sequential, adding to the confusion.
- All of the information we have for reference must be changed.

In speaking with the Dispatch Center and the Police Chief, we found a street that would meet our goal of naming a street after our sister city without very much confusion to our emergency service personnel and property owners.

We would recommend renaming *Rapid Street* to Apolda street from City Hall at 6<sup>th</sup> street to Mount Rushmore Road at 8<sup>th</sup> Street. *Imaichi* would be east of City Hall to 3<sup>rd</sup> street. This would cause very few address changes and would provide a downtown street for each that starts at City Hall. There would be minimal changes to our runcards, mapbooks, and training process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Shepherd  
Fire Chief