

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR 9-1-1 SYSTEM

ORDINANCE 4 - 03

The Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, Walworth County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE

That each and every building devoted to any full or part-time human occupancy shall have an emergency 9-1-1 number and street name, due to the fact that an emergency 9-1-1 system is dependent on an accurate address system to deliver emergency services, including sheriff, fire and emergency medical services.

SECTION 2.0 AUTHORITY

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to § 59.54(4) and (4m), WI Statutes, which provides for a municipal naming or numbering system for the purpose of aiding the delivery of emergency services.

SECTION 3.0 EXISTING STRUCTURES

The phrase "devoted to human occupancy" is hereby defined as, and shall include, any permanent or temporary structure used for human occupancy, including, but not limited to: mobile homes, trailers, cabins and campers in fixed locations. Additional structures not devoted to human occupancy may be assigned an emergency 9-1-1 number and street name. If the additional structure has a separate drive, it will be automatically given a 9-1-1 number and street name.

SECTION 4.0 NEW STRUCTURES

The owner and/or developer of said building shall apply to Walworth County for an emergency 9-1-1 number and roadway name constituting said address for each separate structure and shall have the assigned number and street name installed prior to building occupancy. The Town hereby reserves the right to accept, reject or rename any roadway name suggested or provided by the developer and/or property owner.

SECTION 5.0 SIGN LOCATION

All parcel owners shall install or cause to be installed in a conspicuous place upon the parcel the numbers assigned under the uniform address system provided for by this section. All posts are to be installed approximately eighteen inches (18") in the ground. Address numbers shall be conspicuously placed within thirty three feet (33') of the centerline of the road, at least four feet (4') above grade on which the address number is located, and within fifteen feet (15') of the driveway. Address numbers must be visible from the traveled portion of the road and must be plainly seen from the road by vehicles traveling from both directions. Alternate locations may be necessary due to foliage, lot line boundaries or other obstructions that would compromise the effectiveness of the sign if installed in the primary location.

The numbers that are installed must be identical to the uniform reflectorized numbers that have been approved by the Town Board and provided by the Town building inspector as required by this section. New or replacement uniform reflectorized numbers may be obtained from the building inspector upon payment of a fee in an amount to be approved by the Town Board.

SECTION 6.0 REPLACEMENT SIGNS

After initial installation, the Town will make available at the landowner's expense materials to repair or replace the address number. The maintenance and preservation of the marker shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate for which the marker was furnished. Person wishing to relocate the signs after initial installation must get approval from the Town Board or its designee.

SECTION 7.0 INITIAL INSTALLATION

The Town Board will contract to update and correct the address system throughout the Town. The initial installation process will be done at no cost to the parcel owners. The initial installation process will include:

- A. The assignment or reassignment of address numbers to all parcels of property in the Town.
- B. Distribution of the required reflectorized numbers, mounting posts and installation brackets to each parcel.
- C. Installation of the numbers on each parcel in the required location.

SECTION 8.0 NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

If the emergency 9-1-1 number marker of a property is not properly located or is obliterated, damaged, destroyed or removed, any Town official or a designee may issue a notice to the property owner to restore the marker within thirty (30) days. The notice shall state that upon the failure to take corrective action as directed by the notice, the Town may, at its option, cause the work to be done in the manner it deems appropriate and will charge back the costs thereof to the owner. Upon completion of the work, the Town shall bill the owner for the costs thereof and shall notify the owner that failure to pay the costs within thirty (30) days of the date on the bill will result in placing the cost of repairing or replacing the marker on the owner's tax bill as a special assessment against the property pursuant to § 66.0627, 66.071 and 86.19(5), WI Statutes.

SECTION 9.0 PENALTIES

Any person who obliterates, removes, damages, destroys, fails to properly locate or fails to timely replace an address marker or related equipment or violates any provision of this ordinance without the consent of the Town Board shall forfeit not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than the one hundred dollars (\$100), and for a second or subsequent violation shall forfeit not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 10.0 SEVERABILITY

If any section, clause or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

This Ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on this 8th day of April 2009.

Bruno Schiffler, Chair

Passed this day: 04.08.2009

Barbara A Fischer, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Filed this day: 04.08.2009