

Ordinance No. 96-11-27-24

RURAL ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

WHEREAS, an enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system is being established in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, locatable road name and number addresses have been and will be assigned countywide to replace rural route box style addresses, and all new residences and businesses will also be assigned locatable numbers; and

WHEREAS, the use of and display of those numbers is critical to the ability of emergency service providers to find citizens in need of emergency services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Williamson County, Illinois, that a "Rural Address Identification" Ordinance be and is hereby established to assure that all residences and businesses in the unincorporated area of Williamson County can be found in an emergency, and that all newly constructed homes and businesses are assigned locatable addresses.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the following provisions shall be included in the Rural Address Identification Ordinance:

1. Assignment of Addresses.

All addresses shall be assigned by the Emergency Telephone Systems Board through their agent, the 9-1-1 Coordinator and his staff. The 9-1-1 Office will maintain records of all address assignments.

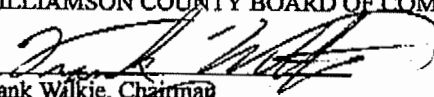
2. Posting of Numbers.

- A. Everyone who has been assigned a new locatable address is required to mark their residence or business with the new numbers in a manner in which emergency service providers can easily see those numbers. Every residence must have its own number, even if several people share the same mail box.
- B. Buildings which can be easily seen from the road shall have numbers measuring between 3" and 5" tall displayed on an exterior surface facing the road. Yard markers or sign posts with the same size numbers are also acceptable.
- C. Buildings which are not within view of the road, due to distance or obstructions, should also have markings at the entrance drive. Mail boxes should have numbers on both sides since emergency vehicles could come from either direction. Driveway markers should have numbers at least 3" tall and should be placed within 25 feet of the entrance drive.
- D. Apartments using letter or number designations in addition to the building address should have those designations marked clearly on the door. Mobile homes with a number or letter designation in addition to the address for the mobile home park must have those designations clearly marked on the side of the trailer facing the road.
- E. Anyone who is still using a rural route box number address because they have not been informed of their new locatable address or have lost the number, must notify the 9-1-1 office to obtain the new address.

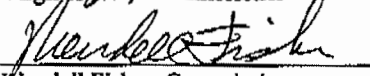
- F. Within one year, which is the time period during which the postal service will continue to deliver mail to the old rural route box addresses, the owner or occupant of each building should remove any previous box number or address number markings which could be confused with the new number designations.
3. Timetable and Penalties.
- A. Anyone who now has a locatable address, will be given until May 1, 1997 to post the new numbers for their buildings. Anyone who does not get a new number until after this ordinance is passed, will have 30 days from issuance of the new number or until May 1, 1997, whichever is later.
- B. Anyone not posting their new numbers within the above time frame will be given a written notice that they are in violation of this ordinance. If the numbers have not been posted within 30 days of the written notice a fine of up to \$100 may be levied against the offender. Written warnings will also be issued to those who fail to remove confusing former address numbers. If the numbers are not removed within 30 days of the warning, a fine of up to \$50 may be levied.
- C. The Williamson County State's Attorney shall have the power to bring action on behalf of Williamson County to prevent violation of any provision of this ordinance.
4. New Buildings.
- A. Any person placing or relocating of a mobile home, constructing a new site-built home or business, or placing a modular home is required to contact the 9-1-1 office for assignment of a locatable address number.
- B. Residents may not use the locatable number of an adjacent house or trailer as their address. A business located within a residence may use that address, however, if the business is in a separate building with a different phone number, even if it is on the same property, must have its own locatable address.
5. Effective Date.
- This ordinance shall take effect immediately. Enforcement provisions of this ordinance shall take effect May 1, 1997.

ON roll call vote this Ordinance No. 96-11-27-24 passes this 27th day of November, 1996.

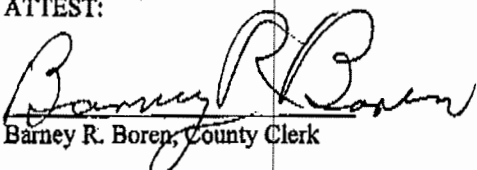
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