

## AN ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE STREET ADDRESS

### NUMBER SIZE AND LOCATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners for Noble County, Indiana have determined that to ensure the continued health and safety of the general public, a set of rules are required for prescribing street address numbering locations and number size; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners for Noble County, Indiana have received concerns from Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services that it is difficult to locate some residences or businesses in the County of Noble because there are no street address numbers or, if present, are incorrect or, are inadequate for identification; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners for Noble County, Indiana have determined that without adequate street address numbers, emergency service response could be slower, thus potentially aggravating emergency situations;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA**

#### Section 1. Definitions.

##### 1.01

**Dwelling** as defined in the Noble County Unified Development Ordinance.

##### 1.02

**Street Address Numbers** are those identifying numerals which are consistent with identification set forth by the enforcement officers of this ordinance, which are recognized by the United States Postal Service and which are the correct numerals to properly identify the location of the property within Noble County.

##### 1.03

**Structure, Primary** as defined in the Noble County Unified Development Ordinance.

## **Section 2. Minimum Requirements.**

### **2.01**

All primary structures in the unincorporated areas of Noble County shall have displayed Street Address Numbers in accordance with this ordinance and subject to 2.07 therein.

### **2.02**

All street address numbers shall be displayed on a mailbox, mailbox post or separate post and shall be easily visible from the road when traveling either direction. The street address number shall be minimum height of three feet and maximum height of five feet above road grade as measured from the midpoint of the sign. Alternatively, if displayed on the mailbox post, the street address number displayed may be mounted directly below the mailbox so long as the midpoint of the sign is no less than two and one-half feet above road grade.

The street address number display shall be located as close to the primary driveway for the primary structure as reasonably possible. The display may be on the opposite side of the road only if it is directly across from the primary driveway.

### **2.03**

All street address numbers shall be white reflective lettering on a green reflective background which can be seen easily when viewed from the street while in a vehicle.

### **2.04**

There shall be no obstructions to preclude the street address numbers from being seen as noted in subsections 2.02 and 2.03 above. Displays shall be located off of the improved roadway and not be close enough to the road to cause an obstruction of the roadway. In general, they shall be placed similarly to mailboxes per United States Postal Service standards.

### **2.05**

All street address numbers shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height and one and one-half (1 & ½) inches in width.

### **2.06**

A building permit for a primary structure shall not be given a certificate of occupancy until a requisite street address number is posted at the address in accordance with this ordinance.

## **2.07**

Compliance with this ordinance is only required upon the issuance of a new Improvement Location Permit or Building Permit. Compliance is required before a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued by the Building Commissioner.

## **Section 3. Penalties.**

### **3.01**

Any property owner who fails to come into compliance with this ordinance shall not receive a Certificate of Occupancy.

### **3.02**

In the event the street address number posted by a property owner was incorrectly issued by the controlling Plan Commission, the property owner shall have ninety (90) days to come into conformance with this ordinance after notice of the correct address was sent to the property owner or before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, whichever comes later. The Plan Commission shall pay for the replacement of an incorrect sign out of their budget for addressing.

## **Section 4. Enforcement.**

### **4.01**

The enforcement officers shall be the Noble County Zoning Administrator, Building Commissioner, E-911 Director, or any of their duly authorized representatives.

### **4.02**

Notices of violation shall be sent by an enforcement officer and a copy kept in the records of the Noble County Plan Commission. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the tax address.

## **Section 5. Severability.**

Should any sections, paragraph, sentence, clause, or any other provision of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall not be effected, if and only if, such remaining provisions can, with the invalid provision(s), be given the effect intended in adopting this ordinance. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**Section 6. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on February 26, 2018.

Passed by the County Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2018.

Board of Commissioners  
Noble County, Indiana

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