

MACKINAC COUNTY

Ordinance No.

Street and Road Addressing Ordinance

The Board of Commissioners of Mackinac County has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County would be better served by the establishment of a county wide street and road addressing ordinance. Uniform street and road addressing will enable the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system, police agencies, ambulance service, fire protection, and public utilities to more rapidly identify and locate properties within the County.

This ordinance provides for the establishment, control and regulation of street and road addressing within the County; for penalties for the violation of this ordinance; and for the repeal of any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

Section I: Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as "Mackinac County Street and Road Addressing Ordinance".

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a county wide street and road addressing system in a uniform logical manner; to provide for a central point to issue and control addressing; and, to provide rules and regulations to facilitate enforcement thereof.

Section III: Definitions

- A. The term "premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm or corporation, public and private, improved with buildings, whether occupied or not and to which a street or road address has been assigned by the Mackinac County Equalization Office in conformity with the identification of a particular premises location in relation to the county grid system.
- C: The term "County" shall refer to the County of Mackinac.
- D: The term "County grid system" shall mean and refer to the North, South, East, and West division of the County from a point of origin, point of origin being the east line of Moran township, Mackinac County.
- E: The term "interested party" shall refer to emergency services, such as police, fire, E.M.S. or any other emergency services, the owner, occupant, County or Village Department, public utilities or any other governmental agency.

F: The term "street name or road number" (hereinafter, street or road) shall refer to any official designation as recognized by government authority having jurisdiction. No such designated street or road shall be changed without approval of the government authority having jurisdiction. Notification of such change shall be made to the County Equalization Department.

Section IV: Regulation

A: All premises shall bear a distinctive street address in accordance with and as designated upon the street addressing maps on file in the office of the County Equalization Department, which maps, by reference, together with any revisions thereof, shall become an operative part of this ordinance.

B: The owner of the premises shall display a street address such that:

1. There is a sign on an approved post adjacent to the drive-way of the premises. The height of the sign shall be not less than five (5) feet above the level of the adjacent street and the assigned address of the premises shall be plainly visible and legible from road traffic lanes in either direction of approach.

The sign shall be six (6) inches high by eighteen (18) inches wide and made on a red background. The figures shall be of white reflective material not less than four (4) inches in height.

The sign shall be placed off the Right of Way where possible, but in any case, shall be placed to minimize interference to traffic and maintenance on the roadway. Responsibility for damage to signs is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of the premises.

2. Address numbers in block or script shall be displayed on the street front of such primary structure and be of a contrasting color to their background and shall be not less than four (4) inches in height.

C: The administrative body for assigning street or road addresses shall be the County Equalization Department.

1. All premises shall be assigned a street or road address by the County Equalization Department. These address numbers will be the basis for location on the Geographic Identification System (G.I.S.) maps and be cross indexed to the owner of the property and the available telephone numbers. The basic information required for an Emergency Response System (9-1-1) is to be provided.
2. Street addresses shall be assigned and recorded by the County Equalization Department at the request of any interested party and in accordance with these regulations.

D: The street address assignment in the county grid system shall be such that even numbers are on the north and west side of the street and odd numbers are on the south and east side of the street as the addresses increase from the point of origin. Each governmental unit shall number in a uniform manner throughout the governmental unit. The cities of Mackinac Island and St. Ignace shall maintain existing addressing system.

Section V: Violation

Failure to display street addresses within thirty (30) days after assignment and recordation, or in the case of new construction, within thirty (30) days after a letter or certificate of occupancy has been issued shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

Section VI: Penalty

- A: Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.
- B: In addition to the imposition of the foregoing fines, penalties and other legal remedies, the Sheriff's Department and such other officers as the County Board of Commissioners may designate may cause the proper posting of addresses, and the cost thereof assessed against the owner of such premises and collectible in the same manner as Ad Valorem property taxes.

Section VII: Saving Clause

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall remain in force.

Section VIII: Effective date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take effect sixty (60) days after submission to and approval by the Governor and publication as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

OR

This ordinance, as amended, shall take effect sixty (60) days after adoption by the County Commission and publication as required by law.


INTRODUCED: December 17, 1997

ADOPTED: December 17, 1997

PUBLISHED: December 25, 1997

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Kay Tamlyn, Clerk of the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the Street and Road Addressing Ordinance was introduced and adopted at the regular meeting of said Board, convened in the City of St. Ignace on the 17th day of December, 1997, and the same was cause to be published in the St. Ignace News on 25th December, 1997.


Mary Kay Tamlyn
County Clerk