

RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE NUMBER 45

PREAMBLE

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment, control, and regulation of street numbering display within Richfield Township, to provide for penalties for the violation of this Ordinance and to repeal any Township ordinance or parts of Township ordinances in direct conflict, herein.

The Richfield Township Board has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Richfield Township would be better served by the establishment of a uniform township-wide street house number display system. Such a system will enable police agencies, ambulance services, fire services, public utilities, postal service, township officials and other necessary services, to more rapidly identify and locate properties within Richfield Township.

SECTION I – Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE.”

SECTION II – Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a system within Richfield Township, whereby the addresses of all premises will be identified and to provide rules and guidelines to facilitate enforcement thereof.

SECTION III – Definitions

A. The term “premises” shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm corporation, public or private, improved with buildings, whether occupied or not.

B. The term “house number” shall mean the official number assigned that premise by Consumers Energy Company and recognized by the Roscommon County Central Dispatch governing board.

C. The term “interested party” shall refer to the emergency services, owner, occupant, building department, public utilities or any other governmental agency.

D. The term “street or road name” shall refer to any official name recognized by government authority. No such named street or road shall be changed without the approval of the Richfield Township Board, Roscommon County Road Commission, the Roscommon County 911 Central Dispatch governing board, and Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION IV –Regulation

A. All premises shall bear the distinctive street number assigned to that premise by Consumers Energy Company and recognized by Roscommon County Central Dispatch governing board.

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1. All houses shall display upon the front of each dwelling, the distinctive street number assigned to that premise. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible to all road traffic coming to the premise from both directions. These numbers shall be no less than three (3) in height, and reflective.

2. If a dwelling is more than 50 feet from the street or is not clearly visible from the road, every owner of a premise shall place or display, adjacent to the road on which the property fronts, a sign attached to a fence or post those distinctive street numbers assigned to that premise. These numbers shall be no less than three (3) inches in height and reflective. These numbers should be visible from both directions. The sign must be placed at a height to assure it does not become obscured by winter snows or snowplowing.

3. All house numbers shall be in either block or script style numbering and shall be in contrasting colors to their backgrounds, whether on the dwelling or on a sign at the road.

SECTION V – Violations and Penalties

Failure to display house numbers within one (1) year after the adoption of this ordinance, or in the case of new construction, thirty (30) days after a letter or certificate of occupancy has been issued, shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject such violator to the penalties hereinafter provided.

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance, is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$100, plus applicable costs and other sanctions for each violation as authorized by RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE NUMBER 45

SECTION VI – 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 full force and effect.

SECTION VII – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take affect following publication as required by law on October 2, 2005.