

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT

ARTICLE 7. STREET NAMING AND STREET ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 7-1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to help establish a more uniform street naming and street addressing system for the Town of Bennington. Easily locatable addresses will have a number of beneficial results: (1) It will enable emergency services to arrive at a scene faster; (2) Deliveries will be easier to find; (3) Visitors to our Town will be able to find an address and know where they are in case of emergency; and (4) When the State of Vermont begins Enhanced 911, the Town of Bennington will be prepared to participate.

ARTICLE 7-2. AUTHORIZATION

By authority of T.24 VSA, Section 2291(16) and T.24 VSA, Section 4421, municipalities are enabled to establish street naming and street addressing.

ARTICLE 7-3. STREET NAMING

Every street and road, both public and private, shall be assigned a name by the Bennington Select Board after consultation with the Planning Commission.

Any new development must comply with this ordinance.

All road names must be separate and distinct. No two roads can have the same or similar sounding names.

ARTICLE 7-4. ADMINISTRATION

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, in a new development, the developer shall furnish a plan for a street addressing and street naming system in accordance with this ordinance. One copy shall be submitted to the Assessor's Office for numbering prior to its submission to the Planning Commission.

ARTICLE 7-5. NUMBERING SYSTEM

The Town Manager or his/her designee shall be responsible for the assignment and oversight of the numbering system and shall maintain a record of all assigned numbers in the Assessor's Office.

All roads shall be measured in segments of 1/1,000 of a mile (5.28 feet) from a designated starting point, usually the end of the road nearest the intersection of a larger road. Even numbers shall be assigned to the LEFT side of the road and odd numbers to the RIGHT side of the road. The first 5.28 foot increment contains numbers 1 and 2, the second 5.28 foot increment contains the numbers 3 and 4, and so on.

All numbers shall be established based on front entrance from the street, from the center of the driveway (or in some cases the center of the structure), except that the numbering system within the former Village of Bennington and along Northside Drive and on Jennings Drive shall not change.

Numbering shall generally begin at the intersection of Vermont Route 9 and US Route 7 the first 5.28 feet shall be number 1 on the right and number 2 on the left, generally and continuing outward north, south, east and west to the Town's borders. Every street or road which intersects with Route 7 or Route 9 shall begin with the number 1 and 2 for the first 5.28 feet of its intersection with Route 7 and Route 9 and shall continue until the road terminates or becomes a new road. Every new road will begin at its intersection with the old road, with the number 1 on the right and number 2 on the left for the first 5.28 feet, and continue to its termination or change to a new road.

A multiple unit structure composed of two or more units shall bear one number for the principal building, and each unit shall affix a letter of number suffix.

Numbers shall be reserved to provide for future growth.

ARTICLE 7-6. POSTING OF DESIGNATED STREET ADDRESS

7-6.01 The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which a number has been assigned will be notified by the Town of the number assigned to the same at any time after the adoption of this ordinance.

- 7-6.02 Within fourteen (14) days after the receipt of such notification from the Town, the owner or occupant or person in charge of a house or building to which a number has been assigned shall affix the number to the structure, if visible from the road, or to a sign or number post if not visible from the road. In such a way that the numbers can be clearly seen from the roadway.
- 7-6.03 It shall be the duty of such owner or occupant or person in charge thereof, upon affixing the new number, to remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the Town.
- 7-6.04 Each principal building shall display the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. In case a principal building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate front entrance shall display a separate number and letter.
- 7-6.05 Numerals indicating the official numbers for each principal building at each front entrance to such building shall be posted in a manner as to be legible and distinguishable when viewed from the street on which the property is located, with letters painted or applied, in a contrasting color to the background, and shall not be less than four inches (4") in height. If a building or dwelling is situated in such a way that the numbers cannot be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure, then a sign or number post must be used in front of the structure and placed in such a way that it can easily be seen from the roadway.

ARTICLE 7-7. NEW STRUCTURES

- 7-7.01 Numbers will be assigned by the Assessor's Office to each proposed lot or tract on the surveyor's copies of Final Subdivision Plats.
- 7-7.02 No building permit shall be issued for any principal building until the owner or developer has procured from the Assessor's Office the official number of the premises. (Final approval of a certificate of occupancy of any principal building erected or repaired after the effective date of this ordinance shall be withheld until permanent and proper numbers have been displayed in accordance with the requirements of Article 7-6.02.)

ARTICLE 7-8. ENFORCEMENT

A violation of the ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Sections 1974A and 1977 Et Sec. A civil penalty of not more than \$75.00 may be imposed for violation of this civil ordinance and a waiver fee shall be set at \$50.00. Each day that a violation continues will constitute a separate violation of the ordinance.

ARTICLE 7-9. SEVERABILITY

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section, or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be effected thereby.

ARTICLE 7-10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from date of adoption by the Select Board.