

TOWNSHEND ORDINANCE REGARDING ROAD NAMING AND ROAD ADDRESSING

Section I PURPOSE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2291 (16) the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Townshend hereby establishes the following ordinance in order to develop a more uniform road naming and road addressing system throughout the Town of Townshend to enable people to locate addresses effectively for providing emergency services and deliveries.

Section II ROAD NAMING

Each street or road with three or more dwellings, both public and private, shall be assigned a name by the Board of Selectmen that is separate and distinct from any previously assigned name in the Town of Townshend.

Section III GENERAL NUMBERING SYSTEM GUIDELINES

Streets or roads within the Town of Townshend, as named by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Townshend, shall be numbered in segments of fifty (50) feet from a designated starting point.

The starting point shall be the road's intersection with Rt 30, Grafton Road, Athens Road, Windham Hill Road, Back Way to Windham, Deer Valley Road, Taft Road, Hazel Hill Road, Simpson Brook Road, East Hill Road or West Hill Road, etc. The starting point for Rt 30 shall be the Newfane town line. The starting point for East Hill Road shall be its junction with Grafton Road.

Numbering shall begin with the first segment nearest the starting point, and numbers shall increase as they head away from the starting point.

Odd numbers shall be assigned to the right side of the road and even numbers to the left as they head away from the starting point.

All numbers shall be assigned in relation to the center of a driveway or entrance to a location where possible. However, the center of a structure may be used as a point of numbering.

Numbers assigned to each location shall be properly displayed in such manner so as to be visible from the road.

A multiple unit structure or location composed of two (2) or more units shall bear one number for the principal building and a letter or number suffix for each unit.

Section IV FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Prior to the issuance of a town highway access permit for any proposed private road, the developer shall furnish a plan for a road naming and road numbering system in accordance with this ordinance to the Board of Selectmen for its approval.

SECTION V ROAD SIGNS

The Board of Selectmen, upon adoption of this Ordinance, shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of road name signs in accordance with this Ordinance. Private roads will be responsible for their own signs.

All road signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

All road signs shall be installed and maintained to the highest degree possible allowed by budget consideration.

There will be a \$500.00 fine for any vandalism (stealing, defacing or destroying) of public signs within the Town of Townshend.

SECTION VI NOTICE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Board of Selectmen shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of the Ordinance for road naming and road addressing.

The Town shall ensure, through cooperative efforts with the Post Office, that each property owner is notified of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance: Road Naming and Road Addressing, shall be entered into the Selectmen's minutes, shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Town of Townshend, and the full text of the ordinance or a concise summary of it published in the Brattleboro Reformer not more than fourteen (14) days following the date specified below when this ordinance is adopted.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Townshend on this 17th day of June, 1996 and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days after said date.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on this ordinance at an annual or special town meeting as provided in 24 VSA 1973.

SECTION VII SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Ordinance and any amendments is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and amendments shall not be affected.

SECTION VIII DESIGNATION AS A CIVIL ORDINANCE

This Ordinance is designated as a Civil Ordinance pursuant to 24 VSA 1971(b).

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Townshend, Vermont on this 17th day of June, 1996.

Henry K. Martin (signed)

Amon DeWitt (signed)

David Palmer (signed)

Irvin Stowell (signed)