

ORDINANCE NO. 89-4  
An Ordinance Pertaining To  
The Posting of  
Address Numbers on Single Family  
Dwellings, Apartments and Commercial  
and Industrial Structures  
In Floyd County

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code (I.C. 36-7-4-405) the Floyd County Plan Commission shall approve the assignment of street numbers to lots and structures and the naming of streets; and

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Plan Commission may renumber lots and structures and rename streets, streets shall be named and renamed so that their names are easy to understand and so as to avoid duplication or conflict with other names. The commission may, by rule, prescribe a numbering system.

WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate and prompt fire, police and emergency medical services to the residents of Floyd County, it is necessary for all emergency medical services to readily identify residential, commercial, and industrial structures by their assigned street number at all times during the day and night; and

WHEREAS, due notice of a public hearing having been published, the Floyd County Plan Commission did on Monday the Twentieth day of June, 1988 hold a public hearing for the purposed changes in road names and assigning street numbers,

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners may, by ordinance, promulgate reasonable requirements for designating the assigned addresses of all residential, commercial, and industrial structures within the boundaries of Floyd County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FLOYD

STANDARDS OF COMPLIANCE

SECTION I: On or before *MARCH 1, 1989*, all residential, commercial and industrial property located in Floyd County, Indiana shall conspicuously display the appropriate street address assigned by the Floyd County Plan Commission in accordance with the following standards:

A. Single Family Dwellings-

1. The address shall be placed at the front of the residence near the front door, or in a manner so as to be visible from the nearest fronting road; and if the residence is more than 100' from the nearest fronting road, the numbers shall be posted next to the driveway at a distance no greater than 100 feet; and

2. Such address shall be clearly visible from the nearest fronting road at a distance of no more than 100 ft. back from the fronting road and kept free and clear of any obstructions hindering reasonable visibility from said fronting road; and

3. The number shall be in standard Arabic form of a size at least four inches by two inches (4" x 2"), or larger if necessary to be visible from the nearest fronting road. They shall be reflective and in a color distinguishable from its background, with the exception that existing posting numerals shall be acceptable hereunder if so visible as to adequately identify each single family dwelling. No cursive numbers shall be used.

B. Apartment Buildings-

1. The address shall be placed in a manner to insure prompt identification of apartment buildings from the nearest fronting road or parking area, depending upon the location and placement of each particular apartment building; and

2. Such addresses shall be clearly visible and kept free and clear of any obstructions hindering reasonable visibility from the nearest fronting road or parking area; and

3. The numbers shall be in standard Arabic form of a size at least four inches by two inches (4" x 2"), or larger if necessary to be visible from the nearest fronting road or parking area. they shall be reflective and in a color distinguishable from its background, with the exception that existing posted numerals shall be acceptable hereunder if so visible as to adequately identify each apartment building; and

4. In the event that apartment buildings located in a complex or elsewhere are not clearly visible from the nearest public thoroughfare, the owner of any such apartment building shall use a system of identification that is reasonably calculated to be readily identifiable by public service and emergency personnel. The Floyd County Plan Director or his authorized representative shall have the authority to approve any such identification system proposed in writing by apartment building owners. Such written approval obtained from Floyd County Plan Director shall be prima facie evidence of compliance with this Ordinance.

C. Commercial and Industrial Structures-

1. The address shall be placed on all commercial and industrial structures so as to insure visibility from the nearest fronting road, and if the commercial or industrial structure is not visible from the nearest fronting road, the street address shall be posted in a conspicuous manner so as to be visible from the nearest fronting road; and

2. The numbers shall be in standard Arabic form of a size at least five by three inches (5" x3"), or larger if necessary to be visible from the nearest fronting road. They shall be reflective and in a color distinguishable from its background, with the exception that existing posted numerals shall be acceptable hereunder if so visible as to adequately identify each commercial or industrial structure; and

3. In the event the commercial or industrial structures located in a complex or elsewhere are not clearly visible from the nearest public thoroughfare, the owner of any such structures shall use a system of identification that is reasonably calculated to be readily identifiable by public service and emergency personnel. The Floyd County Plan Commission Director or his authorized representative shall have the authority to approve any such identification system proposed in writing by owners of commercial or industrial structures. Such written approval obtained from the Floyd County Plan Commission Director shall be prima facie evidence of compliance with this Ordinance.

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION II: The Floyd County Sheriff or his authorized representatives are hereby designated as enforcement personnel for this ordinance, and they are hereby vested with the authority to issue citations for violations of this ordinance, which shall be enforced with the intent to ensure that each residential, commercial, and industrial structure in Floyd County is clearly identified by its assigned street address in order to enable emergency and other public service personnel to promptly identify same at all times during the night and day.

PENALTIES

SECTION III: Any person, firm or corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and each day during which the violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense. Warning citations may be issued by enforcement personnel in appropriate circumstances.

SEVERABILITY

SECTION IV: If any subsection, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION V: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval subject to the terms and conditions set out herein.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1989.

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