

Iowa County Address Sign Ordinance No. 400.10

Section 1.0: Introduction

1.1 Authority

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted by 59.54(4),(4m) Stats. Therefore, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and well being of the general public of Iowa County by providing a means for physically locating properties. The ability to easily locate properties is a vital asset for emergency services as well as being a convenience for delivery services and citizenry.

1.3 Intent

It is the general intent of this Ordinance to establish a method by which address numbers are assigned, as well as how address signs are obtained, installed, and maintained in all areas outside the limits of incorporated municipalities in Iowa County.

1.4 Abrogation and greater restrictions

It is not intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing ordinances, rules, or regulations adopted by law. However, wherever this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

1.5 Severability

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of copetent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

1.6 Title

This Ordinance shall be known as, referred to, or cited as the "Iowa County Address Ordinance, Iowa County, Wisconsin."

1.7 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective after adoption by the County Board of Supervisors and take effect that date of adoption.

Section 2.0: General Provisions

2.1 Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this Ordinance shall include all lands and waters within Iowa County outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

2.2 Address Assignment

It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator to assign an address number to a property upon the issuance of the first building permit for said property, or with the written request of a property owner or Town Board. The address assigned by the Zoning Administrator shall be the official address for said property and replace any prior address used.

Each property shall have a separate and unique address number. Properties served by a common private access serving several properties shall have an individual address sign placed at the public road which the private access serves. Properties with more than one residence shall have a separate address for each residence.

2.3 Fees and Signage

A fee of \$20.00 shall be paid by the owner of the affected property, regardless of who makes the request for the assignment, at the time of the assignment in order for a sign to be obtained. The Zoning Administrator shall obtain the required sign in a reasonable timely manner and, upon receipt of said sign, shall notify the Town affected for installation. The sign shall be in accord with existing address signs in shape, size, color, and scheme.

A second sign or replacement sign can be obtained from the Zoning Administrator upon written request. A fee of \$15.00 shall be submitted for each replacement sign before said sign will be ordered.

Any sign not obtained from the Zoning Administrator shall be considered in violation of this Ordinance.

2.4 Placement

The address sign for a property shall be placed at the intersection of the private drive or access and the public road. In cases where more than one property is served by a common private access, an address sign for each property shall be placed at the intersection of the common access and the public road.

A second sign shall be placed at the intersection of each individual drive where it intersects the common private access for purposes of identifying the individual properties. It shall be the discretion of the Town Board and Zoning Administrator to require additional signs where deemed necessary.

All signs shall be placed in a clearly visible location for traffic using a public road or private access.

2.5 Maintenance

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain all address signs for his/her property. Maintenance includes notification for replacement, repairs, reinstallation, and keeping the sign(s) in a physical condition whereby the address is easily and clearly legible at any time. The property owner shall also ensure the sign is clearly visible from the public road and not obscured by vegetation, structures, snow, etc.

2.6 Enforcement and Penalty

It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator and his duly appointed deputies to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, investigate complaints, and give notice of violations.

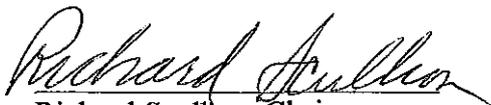
A violation of any provision of this Ordinance can result in the issuance of a citation or the filing of a formal complaint with the District Attorney's Office to the property owner on which the violation occurs.

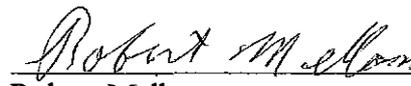
2.7 Existing Addresses

Addresses which exist at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance but do not meet all the provisions of this Ordinance shall be allowed to remain the official address for said property if they are registered at the Zoning Office on the Iowa County Address Index. Any such address not listed on the index shall be deemed void and an official address shall be assigned by the Zoning Administrator and fees paid by the property owner.

If any such existing address sign needs replacement, a new address number shall be assigned and a sign obtained in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the original existing address shall become null and void.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning and Zoning Committee this
18th day of March, 1997 to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors.


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