

CHAPTER 51

ADDRESS NUMBERING ORDINANCE

51.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health and safety by requiring the acquisition and posting of address numbers to assist ambulance, police, fire department and other public safety and service agencies to locate those in need of assistance or service.

51.02 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

- A. **"Principal building"** shall mean the main building located on a parcel or lot. Garages, pole barns, and other buildings which are normally accessory to other structures shall not be deemed to be "principal buildings" unless they are provided with a separate electrical meter.
- B. **"Assigned address number"** shall mean an address number which has been designated for a site by Detroit Edison prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or by the City Assessor after the effective date of this Ordinance.
- C. **"Private Street"** shall mean a non-public street which has been approved by the city in compliance with City ordinances. Easements and private drives shall not be deemed to be "private streets".

51.03 ADDRESS NUMBER REQUIRED

Each dwelling and each principal building within the City shall obtain and display an assigned address number. An address number shall only be issued for a public or private street.

51.04 APPLICATION

All applicants for building permits for construction of a dwelling or other principal building shall also apply for an address number for the structure. The number shall be issued by the City Assessor promptly after all required information is provided by the applicant.

51.05 POSTING

Each dwelling or other principal building on a parcel of land within the City shall post the assigned address number. The number must be visible from the street. Whenever a dwelling or principal building is located more than 100 feet from the center of a public or private street, or is otherwise difficult to see from the street, the owner shall post the address number at the point at which the driveway enters the public or private street.

51.06 NUMERALS

Each posted address number shall consist of numerals at least three (3) inches in height and of a contrasting color to the attached surface.

51.07 NEW CONSTRUCTION

Whenever a new dwelling or other principal building is constructed, the address number shall be posted in compliance with this Ordinance at the time construction is commenced. However, if the address number has not been issued prior to commencement of construction, the address number shall be posted within 24 hours after being issued.

51.08 MULTIPLE ADDRESS NUMBERS

Developments which need individual address numbers for locations within the site shall comply as follows:

A. Mobile Home Parks

The Mobile Home Park shall be assigned a single address number for the public street or road on which the park is located. Each individual home site within the park shall be assigned a separate address number. Home sites or lots shall be consecutively numbered. Each internal street shall have a continuously maintained sign indicating the range of numbers on that street.

B. Multiple Family Dwellings Over Four Units

Each individual building shall receive an address number. Each dwelling unit within that building shall receive a number which includes the building address number plus a number indicating the floor and the dwelling unit.

C. Multiple Unit Buildings

All other principal buildings containing more than one unit shall receive an address number for the building. The individual units within the building shall be given a number by the City Assessor based upon the layout and location of the structure.

51.09 PRIVATE STREETS

In the event that the dwelling or principal building is located on a private street, there shall also be erected a road sign identifying the name of the private street, in conformity with City street signage requirements, where the private street enters the public street. The name of the private street shall be reviewed and approved by the City. In the event that a private drive or easement is upgraded to a private street, any existing numbers shall be replaced with address numbers based on the private street location.

51.10 ELECTRICAL SERVICE

No address number or permit for a dwelling or principal building shall be issued unless an application has been filed with Detroit Edison to acquire access to electrical service. In lieu of a Detroit Edison service application, an applicant may sign a waiver to the effect that electrical service has not been verified.

51.11 PENALTY

Any property owner who fails to acquire, post or maintain the posting of an address number shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof, the violator shall be liable for a fine not to exceed \$100.00 plus costs of enforcement and prosecution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 13, 1994