

**TOWNSHIP OF KIDDER
COUNTY OF CARBON AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO: 172**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 168; CHAPTER 150 FOR
STREET NAMES AND BUILDING NUMBER/ADDRESS MARKER SIGNS**

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance public safety and security, and generally protect the public health, safety and welfare by improving the ability of emergency response personnel to navigate and locate dwellings and other structures in the Township, and enhancing the convenience to the general public.

SECTION 2 – STREET NAMES

- A. Street names required. All public and private streets and access streets in the Township which serve two (2) or more principal structures shall be named and posted with a street name sign in accordance with this Ordinance.
- B. Street name assignment. The Board of Supervisors shall have the sole authority to provide for, regulate and assign names to all streets, roads and highways in the Township, and to change such names if deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of this Ordinance. In the case of new subdivisions and land developments, the street names shall be included on the plans submitted to the Township for review.
- C. Street name duplication. No street, road or highway name sign shall be posted on any public or private street, road, highway, driveway or access street unless the Township has approved such name in order to avoid duplication of names.

SECTION 3 – STREET ADDRESSES

All street addresses in the Township shall conform to the street addressing system established by Kidder Township for the 911 emergency call system, and all occupied structures shall have a building number sign/address marker conforming to the requirements of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4 – STREET NAME SIGNS

- A. Street Sign Standards. The sign and pole on which the sign is mounted shall be made of a material and installed in a manner approved by the Township and shall meet the

approved current Township, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and/or federal standards and specifications for street and/or road signs as set forth within the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as amended (MUTCD).

- B. The sign face shall be eight (8) inches tall with reflective white lettering on a reflective green background. The lettering should be composed of initial upper-case letters at least 6 inches in height and lower-case letters at least 4.5 inches in height and spaced in a manner so it is identifiable and legible from both directions.
- C. The sign shall be mounted on a ten (10) foot pole installed two (2) feet in the ground.
- D. Responsibility for street name signs installation. Responsibility for the installation, maintenance, or replacement of street name signs on private roads that do not intersect with a Township or State road is with the private owner of the roadway. With respect to private roads that do intersect with a Township or State road, the Township shall make a one-time installation of the street name sign. Subsequent to the initial installation of the street name signs on private roads that intersect with a Township or State road, the private owner of the roadway shall be responsible to install, maintain or replace such street name signs.

SECTION 5 – BUILDING NUMBER/ADDRESS MARKER SIGNS

- A. Sign/Marker Standards
 - 1. Building number/address marker shall be depicted in Arabic numerals in four (4) inch tall reflective white lettering on a reflective green background.
 - 2. All building number signs/address marker plates shall be six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches; six (6) inches by fourteen (14) inches in size; or six (6) inches by eighteen (18) inches in size.
 - 3. The property owner shall remove all obstructions (including snow and plant growth) to permit the building number sign/address marker to be visible in both directions from the street, road or highway on which it fronts, for a distance of not less than fifty (50) feet from the building number sign/address marker.
 - 4. Building number signs/address markers shall be mounted;
 - a. On a stand-alone post or pole or other comparable type of mounting device at a location where the driveway intersects the private and/or township and/or state roadway right-of-way in a manner acceptable to the Township as set forth herein.

- b. Horizontally or vertically; and
 - c. Shall display the building number/address marker and no other information;
 - d. So that the top of the building number sign/address marker is located between four (4) feet and six (6) feet above the ground elevation where the sign/marker is mounted. The bottom of the sign shall not be lower than four feet from the existing grade level.
5. Building number signs/address markers for grouped dwellings and non-residential facilities:
- a. Apartments, townhouses, cluster dwellings, shopping centers, resorts and other similar structure groupings where only one building number/address marker is assigned, shall display such sign/marker where the main entrance to the property intersects with the street, road or highway on which it fronts.
 - b. Building number/address marker for individual units or establishments within a complex shall be displayed on, above or immediately to the side of the main doorway of each unit or establishment.

B. Responsibility for Building Number/Address Marker Installation

- 1. All principal structures in the Township shall have a building number sign/address marker containing the address assigned by Kidder Township for the 911 emergency call system.
- 2. Each property owner shall purchase for their property a building number sign/address marker that conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance.
- 3. All inaccurate, obsolete or nonconforming building numbers shall be removed from any property when a new number is assigned.

SECTION 6 – IMPLEMENTATION

- A. All street name signs installed, placed, replaced, modified or maintained after the effective date of the Ordinance shall conform to the requirements of this Ordinance.
- B. All building number signs shall be installed/ or replaced in compliance with this Ordinance not more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Ordinance or an address is assigned, whichever is later.
- C. The property owner shall promptly repair and/or replace any damaged or missing building number sign/address marker.

SECTION 7 – MODIFICATION

- A. The Board of Supervisors may grant a modification of the requirements of one or more provisions of this Ordinance if literal compliance will result in undue hardship or be unreasonable as it is applied to a particular property, or if the property owner establishes to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that an alternative proposal will allow for equal or better results, provided such modification will not be contrary to the public interest and fulfills the purpose and intent of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors may request that the Chairman of the Fire Commission make a recommendation as to the modification being requested. In granting any requested modification, the Board of Supervisors may impose such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objectives of the standards and requirements of this Ordinance.
- B. All requests for modification shall be made in writing, shall be signed by the property owner requesting the same, and shall include:
 - 1. The specific provision(s) of this Ordinance with respect to which a modification is requested.
 - 2. The specific modification/proposed alternative desired, including a depiction of the proposed alternative.
 - 3. The requesting property owner’s justification for the modification, including the full basis for the requested modification and the facts alleged as to unreasonableness or undue hardship, and an explanation to establish the requested modification is the minimum modification necessary to achieve the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance.
- C. The Board of Supervisors shall maintain a written record of the action taken on all requests for modification.

SECTION 8 – ENFORCEMENT

- A. Enforcement. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer and such other officials as may be designated by the Board of Supervisors from time to time.
- B. Building number signs/address markers and permit issuance. No zoning permit or other Township permit shall be issued for any existing or proposed structure until a building number sign/address marker has been installed on the property in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 9 – VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES AND REMEDIES

Violations and penalties. This Ordinance shall be enforced by action before a magisterial district judge in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. In the event of non-compliance, within the allowed time frame, the appropriate officers or agents of the Township are hereby authorized to install the building number sign/address marker on the property of the non-compliant property owner and charge all costs related to the installation to the property owner. Any person who violates or permits a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, reimburse the Township for all costs incurred by the Township in connection with installation of the building number sign/address marker, plus all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Township in the enforcement proceedings, and/or be imprisoned to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses. Further, the appropriate officers or agents of the Township are hereby authorized to seek equitable relief, including injunction, to enforce compliance with this Ordinance. All fines, penalties, costs and reasonable attorney's fees collected for the violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Township.

SECTION 10 – SEVERABILITY

In any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, and sections of parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that such remainder shall be, and shall remain, in force and effect.

SECTION 11 – REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions conflicting or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only insofar as the same are in direct conflict or directly inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 12- EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Kidder held on the 18th day of June, 2015 by a Vote of:

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____ Abstention

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF KIDDER**

By: _____

Attest:

Secretary