

CENTRE TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 64-1993
BUILDING NUMBERING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF CENTRE TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, KNOWN AS THE BUILDING NUMBERING ORDINANCE, SETTING FORTH THE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES, AN THE AUTHORIZATION, AND DEFINITIONS, REQUIRING THE POSTING OF BUILDING NUMBERS ON ALL HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE BUILDING NUMBERS SHALL BE POSTED, PROVIDING FOR STREET SIGNS IN SUBDIVISIONS, MAINTENANCE OF NUMBERS, NOTICE TO COMPLY AND PROVIDING FOR FINES AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO POST BUILDING NUMBERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall Be known as the Building Numbering Ordinance.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. The Board of Supervisors find that the police, ambulance and fire services have had difficulty locating addresses of homes and businesses on Township streets and roads due to the lack of lot and building identification numbers. It is, therefor, the purpose of this Ordinance to establish a system of numbering all lots on which there is located a dwelling unit or business so that police, ambulance and fire services can locate addresses in emergencies.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION. This Ordinance is authorized by Section 702, clauses XXIX, XXVII, XLI, XLVII, and LXII of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. 65729, 65737, 65741, 65747 and 65762.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

A. The word "person" shall mean and include any person, firm association, partnership, group or corporation.

B. The word "building" shall mean and include any structure used for residential¹, mercantile, business, factory or industrial uses. The term "building" shall not include any accessory building located upon a lot with another building, the address of which is in the Township records.

C. The term "building number" shall mean the street address number assigned to a particular building, structure, or portion of a building by Centre Township.

D. The term "owner" or owner of property shall include the following: (a) legal owner; (b) equitable owner; (c) lessee or tenant; (d) occupant; (e) trustee in possession.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the owner of every building in Centre Township to cause the same to be numbered in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the owner of any building to ascertain the building number assigned to such building. A record of building numbers shall be maintained by Centre Township and made available at the Centre Township Building during normal business hours.

SECTION 7. The owner and/or occupant of any building shall cause the building number to be posted and maintained in conformity with the following standards:

(a) In residential areas, the numbering of buildings may be in the form of arabic numerals or standard

written or printed letters of the English alphabet. The symbols shall not be less than three (3) inches in height.

(b) In residential areas, the building numbers shall be displaced on the front of the building. It may be located above the front door, on the front door, on the side of the front door, on the frame, above or on the garage door or on a deck railing or support pole. The symbols will not be less than five (5) feet or more than ten (10) feet from the ground. All numbering shall be visible and legible from the roadway during daylight hours. This requirement may necessitate an additional posting of a number on a device at a remote location at the street line, adjacent to the driveway entrance for the building.

(c) If a single entrance is used for more than one (1) dwelling unit, all of the units within that single entrance door must be numbered on the outside.

(d) In all non-residential areas, all building shall be numbered. The numbering shall be located in the front of the building and not be less than three (3) feet or more than ten (10) feet from the ground. Each number shall not be less than three (3) inches in height and shall be visible from the roadway during daylight hours.

SECTION 8. Street Signs. The developer of any subdivision or development which is under construction shall post stop signs and approved signs with the approved name of the street and the intersecting street prior to the occupancy of any home on said street.

SECTION 9. Maintenance. The property owner of any building, shall maintain the clear visible display of Numbers as required under this Ordinance at all times. Developers shall maintain street signs that are clearly visible until such time as the street has been formally accepted by the Township.

SECTION 10. Notice to Comply. The Board of Supervisors of the Township or any Officer/Employee designated thereby for the purpose are hereby authorized to enter upon private property for the purposes of inspection and to give notice by personal service or by certified mail to persons in violation of this Ordinance directing them to abate the situation within ten (10) days after issuance of such notice. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 11. Any person who shall number any building contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, or fail or neglect to number the building as herein provided within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice from Centre Township, shall be in violation of this ordinance. Each and every day such violation continues after receipt of written notice shall constitute a separate offense. A person who has been convicted of violating this ordinance shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars and not exceeding Three Hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date allowed by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this Tenth day of February, A.D. 1993.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP

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