

TOWN OF WOLCOTT, VERMONT

STREET NAMING AND STREET NUMBERING ORDINANCE

I. PURPOSE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2291 (16) and 1971, the Selectboard of the Town of Wolcott hereby establishes the following ordinance in order to develop a more uniform street naming and street addressing system throughout the Town of Wolcott to enable people to locate addresses effectively for providing emergency services and deliveries.

II. STREET NAMING

Each street/road or private road shall be assigned a name by the Selectboard that is separate and distinct from any previously assigned name in the Town of Wolcott.

III. GENERAL NUMBERING SYSTEM GUIDELINES

Streets/roads in the Town of Wolcott shall be measured in segments of 1/1000ths of a mile. Low numbers shall start at the Morrisville/Wolcott Town line on Route 15 and increase as they head east to the Hardwick/Wolcott Town line. Odd numbers shall be assigned to buildings/structures on one side of the street and even numbers to buildings/structures on the other side of the street. Generally all numbers shall be assigned in relation to the driveway from the street. The town's 911 Coordinators shall assign all numbers.

Apartment houses shall be given one street number and each individual apartment shall be given an apartment number or letter. Combined commercial and apartment complex shall be given one street number and each individual apartment or commercial unit shall be given an apartment/commercial number or letter.

IV. POSTING OF DESIGNATED STREET ADDRESSES

The owner or occupant or person in charge of any building/structure to which a number has been assigned will be notified by a letter from the Town of Wolcott of the number and street name assigned to the same after the adoption of this ordinance.

Numerals indicating the assigned numbers for each locatable building/structure shall be posted by the Town along the street or road, in a manner so as to be legible and distinguishable by emergency responders when approaching the building/structure from the street, with white or silver reflective numbers vertically from the top applied on a contrasting color background. Numbers shall be not less than 4" in height. Additional number signs, complying with the guideline above, shall be posted at the split in a shared driveway or access prior to reaching the building. Commercial and Apartment houses shall have assigned number or letter attached to each individual apartment or commercial door. Property owners of all building/structures assigned a 911 number shall place that number on the front of the structure to be seen by emergency responders.

V. Future Development

Prior to the issuance of a subdivision permit, a developer shall furnish a plan for a street naming and street numbering system in accordance with this ordinance to the Selectboard and 911 Coordinators. The developer shall bear the cost for the street and 911 signs and posts. The Wolcott Development Review Board through their subdivision review process may require a shared access having two or more addresses and the potential for future development to be defined as a private road to meet the Wolcott Subdivision By-Law regulations.

VI. Street Signs

The Selectboard, upon adoption of this Ordinance, shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of street name signs in accordance with the names established by this Ordinance.

All signs shall conform to the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devised for Streets and Highways. All signs shall be installed and maintained to the highest degree possible by budget considerations. Payment of private road/street signs shall be the responsibility of the land owner(s).

VII. Street Sign Vandalism and Penalties

Any vandalism (stealing, defacing, or destroying) of public signs within the Town of Wolcott shall be punished by paying a fine as defined below in the civil provisions.

In the event that the owner or occupant or person in charge of buildings/structures refuses to comply with the terms of this Ordinance by failing to allow the affixing of the number assigned shall be punished by paying a fine as defined below in the civil provisions. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 (16)

VIII. Notice and Implementation

The Selectboard shall make reasonable effort to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of the Ordinance for Street Naming and Street Numbering.

IX. Severability


If any portion of the Ordinance and Amendment is held unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and Amendments shall not be affected.

A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. Title 1974 (a) and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this civil ordinance, and the waiver fee shall be set at \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense within a six month period, and \$300 for all subsequent offenses within a six month period. Each day that a violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this Street Naming and Street Numbering Ordinance.

ADOPTED : July 25, 1996

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