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**ORDINANCE AMENDING UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT UPDATED STREET NUMBERING REGULATIONS**

**Whereas**, the Town’s Unified Development Ordinance currently includes provisions regarding street numbering in the chapter on signs, and

**Whereas**, the Town seeks to simplify the Town’s regulations, avoid confusion, and promote consistent enforcement of sign regulations, and

**Whereas**, street numbering is not directly related to signage which is primarily focused on communication for businesses, organizations and individuals, and

**Whereas**, the purpose of street numbering is focused on enhancing the ability of the Town police, fire, and rescue personnel to rapidly respond to law enforcement, fire, rescue and other emergency calls by assisting these agencies in properly locating the exact location of the request for assistance, and

**Whereas**, the Planning Board reviewed the proposed ordinance amendment at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, and recommends adoption, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners conducted a duly noticed public hearing on October 9, 2023,

**Now, therefore, be it ordained** by the Board of Commissioners that Chapter 16 - Signs - of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting Section 16.11 – Street Numbers, and Chapter 92 - Fire Prevention – of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Section 92.04 – Street Numbering, as follows:

1. Section 16.11 – Street Numbers – is hereby amended as follows:

~~(A) All residences within the jurisdiction of the town shall display street numbers which are no less than 4 inches nor more than 10 inches in height. The street numbers shall be clearly visible from the street, shall be displayed in a neat manner and shall be displayed with a contrasting color on the street side of the residence. If the residence cannot be seen from the street, the street numbers shall be placed on a neatly designed and staked board in a location which can be seen from the access street. The board on which the street numbers are displayed shall be no more than 15 inches in height nor more than 15 inches in width.~~

(B) All business establishments within the jurisdiction of the town shall display street numbers which are no less than 4 inches in height. The numbers shall be displayed where they may be seen from a street or facing a private access drive if a structure has no frontage on a street.

(C) Address signs known or referred to as 911 reflective mail box signs are permissible so long as the same are 18 inches by 6 inches, made out of metal, and painted with reflective paint. The numbers thereon must be reflective white stick on numbers. Any 911 reflective mail box sign should be on the mail box or a post in front of the lot and clearly visible from the street.

2. Chapter 92 is hereby amended to add the following new Section 92.04 - Street Numbers – as follows:

Section 92.04 – Street Numbers

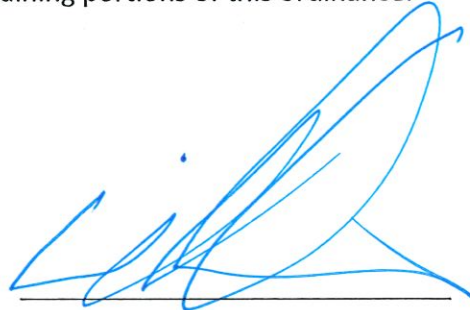
- (a) Purpose and authority for enactment. Since the display of street numbers would greatly enhance the ability of the Town police and fire and rescue department personnel to rapidly respond to law enforcement, fire, rescue and other emergency calls to residents and businesses within the Town by assisting these agencies with regard to properly locating the exact location of the request for assistance, and since G.S. 160A-174, 160A-193, 160A-194, 160A-296 and 160A-300 authorize the Town to adopt ordinances promoting the health, safety and general welfare of property owners, residents and the general public with regard to traffic and the use and the control of streets, therefore, the Board of Commissioners ordains the provisions set out herein.
- (b) Numbers to be affixed and readily visible. Each street number assigned for a building or structure shall be affixed or displayed prominently and in a readily visible location by the owner on the front of such building, structure or premises or on or near the front street lot line at a location perpendicular to the main entrance to such building or structure.
- (c) Residential Addresses. All residences within the jurisdiction of the town shall display street numbers which are no less than 4 inches nor more than 10 inches in height. The street numbers shall be clearly visible from the street, shall be displayed in a neat manner and shall be displayed with a contrasting color on the street side of the residence. If the residence cannot be seen from the street, the street numbers shall be placed on a neatly designed and staked board in a location which can be seen from the access street. The board on which the street numbers are displayed shall be no more than 15 inches in height nor more than 15 inches in width.

- (d) Business Addresses. All businesses within the jurisdiction of the town shall display street numbers which are no less than 4 inches in height. The numbers shall be displayed where they may be seen from a street or facing a private access drive if a structure has no frontage on a street.
- (e) Numbers to contrast with front of building. The numbers used by each owner shall be painted, tinted or colored so that the numbers contrast with the front of each building, structure or premises, so that the numbers are readily, clearly and reasonably visible from the street right-of-way. For example, white or other pastel colors shall be used on the front wall of buildings having a dark color or tint and darker letters shall be used on the front wall of buildings or structures having a lighter color.
- (f) 911 reflective mail box signs. Address signs known or referred to as 911 reflective mail box signs are permissible so long as the same are 18 inches by 6 inches, made out of metal, and painted with reflective paint. The numbers thereon must be reflective white stick on numbers. Any 911 reflective mail box sign should be on the mail box or a post in front of the lot and clearly visible from the street.

3. The Board of Commissioners has determined that the above amendments are consistent with the Town's CAMA and Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as the plan promotes high aesthetic quality in the Town and proper and consistent enforcement of ordinance provisions.
4. The Board of Commissioners has determined that the above amendments are both reasonable and in the public interest for the following reasons:
  - a. G.S. 160A-174, 160A-193, 160A-194, 160A-296 and 160A-300 authorize the Town to adopt ordinances promoting the health, safety and general welfare of property owners, residents and the general public with regard to traffic and the use and the control of streets.
  - b. The proposed amendments allow for clarifying the distinction between signage which is primarily focused on communication for businesses, organizations and individuals (included in the Unified Development Ordinance) and street numbering which is focused on enhancing the ability of the Town police, fire, and rescue personnel to rapidly respond to law enforcement, fire, rescue and other emergency calls within the town.
5. The Town Clerk is authorized to amend the sections as set forth above.

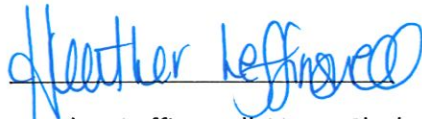
6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Adopted this the 9 day of October, 2023.



Will Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather Leffingwell, Town Clerk

