

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance
Adopted March 9, 2004 Town Meeting

Section 4.1 Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Building: Any structure whether public or private, primarily used as a residence, business, school or other public use.

Way: Any street, road, highway, lane, alley, or court whether public or private.

Driveway: Any access way leading to a building designated for vehicular traffic.

Section 4.2 All Buildings Visibly Numbered

All buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the statewide emergency 9-1-1 system. All buildings that are numbered shall affix a number not less than three (3) inches in height. All numbers shall be clearly visible from the way and be of contrasting color to the background. Buildings more than fifty (50) feet away from a way shall have a number affixed at the intersection of the driveway and way. Numbers shall be placed to the left of the main entrance. All apartments will be numbered in a similar manner.

Section 4.3 Way's Named

All ways with more than three (3) buildings shall be named. All ways less than three (3) buildings may be named. Ways that are required to be named shall have the name posted and clearly visible. Street name signs shall be posted on the left corner of the intersecting way. Street signs will be erected and maintained by the Town of Lempster except for private developments, which shall be the responsibility of the property manager or owner.

Section 4.4 Numbering System

In accordance with the Emergency 9-1-1 system, buildings on ways shall be numbered. The system to number buildings will be as follows:

1. Buildings on the left side of ways will have even numbers and buildings on the right side will have odd numbers. Buildings currently numbered will be grandfathered as to sequences.
2. Numbers shall be assigned from low numbers to high numbers as the way leads away from the center of town. Those Buildings currently numbered contrary to this section shall be grandfathered as to sequence. (United States Route 10).
3. For the purposes of this section, the center of town shall be the intersection of Mountain Road and United States Route 10.

4. Low numbers shall start at the end of the way that is closest to the center of town.
5. Where condominiums and developments have an established numbering system suitable to this system, those numbers will be used.
6. The system will be based on fifty (50) foot increments, with a number assigned to each of the said increments. Only those properties with existing structures will be recorded on maps.
7. Where lot sizes are such that various numbers may apply to one lot, numbers will be assigned based on the driveway location.
8. Any existing driveway serving three or more dwellings will have it's own name and assigned numbers. On a driveway serving two houses, the low number will go to the house, which is closest by vehicular access to the low numbered end of the way.
9. The owner of a building or way shall be responsible for naming or numbering such property. Owner identification may be made using the Lempster Tax Map.

Section 4.5 Prohibited Acts


No person shall fail to number the buildings that they own. Building numbers shall be maintained so that visibility will not be infringed. Owners of private ways shall have their ways named and signs visible. Acts prohibited under this section include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Failing to affix building number or affixing a number less than three (3) inches in height.
2. Failure to name and post a name sign for a way that has three or more buildings located on it.
3. Failure to maintain building number or failing to have building number visible from the driveway or way.

Section 4.12 Penalties

Any person who violates this chapter shall, in the first instance, be given ten (10) days to comply with this chapter. Following the ten (10) day period, a civil fine of five dollars (\$5.00) per day shall be imposed. Any person who fails to pay any civil fine imposed within thirty (30) days of issuance of the fine or fails to comply with this chapter for thirty (30) days or more shall be brought before the district court. The District Court Justice upon a finding of guilty may impose a fine of not more than ten (\$10) per day for each day of non-compliance with this chapter.

I certify that this ordinance was passed on March 9, 2004 by a vote of the citizens at Town Meeting.


Town Clerk