

# TOWN OF WELLS

## AN ORDINANCE

### REGARDING STREET NAMING AND STREET NUMBERING

#### SECTION I - PURPOSE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A., Section 2291 (16) and 24 V.S.A., Section 4421, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wells hereby establish the following ordinance in order to establish a more uniform street naming and street numbering system throughout the Town of Wells. This will enable persons to locate addresses effectively and in a timely manner for purposes of providing emergency services and deliveries.

#### SECTION II - STREET NAMING

Every street and road, both public and private, shall be assigned a name by the Board of Selectmen that, for the most part, is separate and distinct from any previously assigned name in the Town of Wells. All names will conform with the guidelines set forth by the Locatable Addressing Format for the State of Vermont and United States Postal Service Addressing Guidelines.

#### SECTION III - STREET NUMBERING

Highways to be officially named by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wells shall be measured in segments of either fifty (50) feet or 1/1000 of a mile (5.28 feet) from a logical point of origin and assigned odd numbers on left side of the street and even numbers on the right side of the street in a consistent manner throughout the Town. All numbering will conform with the guidelines set forth by the Locatable Addressing Format for the State of Vermont and United States Postal Service Addressing Guidelines.

#### SECTION IV - POSTING OF DESIGNATED STREET ADDRESSES

1. The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which a number has been assigned will be notified by the United States Postal Service in cooperation with the Town of Wells of the number and street name assigned to that house or building at any time after the adoption of this ordinance.
2. Within sixty (60) days after the receipt of such notification, the owner or occupant or person in charge of a house or building to which a number has been assigned shall affix the number to the structure, if visible from the road, or to a sign or number post if not visible from the road, in such a way that the numbers can be clearly seen from the roadway.

3. It shall be the duty of such owner or occupant or person in charge thereof upon affixing the new number to remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the United States Postal Service.
4. Each principal building shall display the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. In case a principal building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate front entrance may display a separate number.
5. Numerals indicating the official numbers for each principal building or each front entrance to such building shall be posted in a manner as to be legible and distinguishable from the street on which the property is located, with letters painted or applied, of a contrasting color to the background, of no less than four inches (4") in height. If a building or dwelling is situated in such a way that the numbers can not be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure then a sign or number post must be used in front of the structure and placed in such a way that it can be easily seen from the roadway. (reflective numbers would be preferred)

#### SECTION V - FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit, a developer shall furnish a plan for a street naming and street numbering system in accordance with this ordinance to the Board of Selectmen.

#### SECTION VI - PENALTIES

In the event that the owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building refuses to comply with the terms of the ordinance by failing to affix the number assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, or by failing, within said period of sixty days to remove any old number affixed to such house, or house entrance, or elsewhere, which may be confused with the number assigned thereto, he shall be punished by paying a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars for every day that the situation is not rectified.

#### SECTION VII - STREET SIGNS

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

All signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

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All signs shall be installed and maintained to the highest degree possible allowed by budget considerations.

SECTION VIII - NOTICE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Public Notice: The Board of Selectmen shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of the Ordinance for Street Naming and Street Numbering.

The Town shall ensure, through cooperative efforts with the Post Offices, that each property owner is notified of the Ordinance.

SECTION IX - SEVERABILITY

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

ADOPTED : \_\_\_\_\_ POSTED & PUBLISHED: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SELECTMEN : Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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