

TOWN OF SWANTON
ORDINANCE REGARDING
STREET NAMING AND STREET ADDRESSING

THE SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SWANTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I - Purpose

In accordance with 24 VSA Ch 61 2291(16) the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Swanton hereby establishes the following Ordinance in order to develop a more uniform street naming and street addressing system throughout the Town of Swanton. We believe that easily locatable addresses will have a number of beneficial results: 1) It will enable emergency services to arrive at a scene faster. 2) Deliveries will be easier to find. 3) The U.S. Postal Service will soon stop Rural Route deliveries and require a street address. 4) Visitors to our town will be able to find an address and know where they are in case of emergency. 5) When the State of Vermont begins Enhanced 911 the Town of Swanton will be ready for it.

Section II - Street Naming

Every street and road, both public and private, shall be assigned a name by the Board of Selectmen that is separate and distinct from any previously assigned name in the Town of Swanton.

Section III - Posting of Designated Street Address

(a) The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which a number has been assigned will be notified of the number assigned to the same at any time after the adoption of this ordinance.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

SECTION IV - Future Development

(a) 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 V - Street Signs

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

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

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 this ordinance by failing to affix the number assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, or by failing, within said period of sixty (60) days to remove any old numbers 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, or one day in jail for every day that the situation is not rectified.

SECTION VII - Severability

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

SECTION VIII - Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect sixty (60) days from date of passage.

ADOPTED Sept 5, 1995
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DORIS RALEIGH, TOWN CLERK

The legal residents and qualified voters of the Town of Swanton are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen of said Town on the 5th day of September, 1995, unanimously voted to adopt an Ordinance on Street Naming & Street Addressing. The said Ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Swanton voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose pursuant to a petition signed and submitted by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters and presented to the Board of Selectmen or Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption of the Ordinance. Unless such a petition is submitted the Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after the date of adoption. If any person has questions regarding the Ordinance he or she should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 868-4421 or the Administrative Asst. at 868-7418.

Doris Raleigh
Town Clerk

Posted this 7th day of September, 1995, at the Town Office Building at 9:00 A.M.

Swanton Post Office
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