

Title: Address Signs

Effective Date: 6/12/2006

Category: Subdivision/Property

STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PLACEMENT OF ADDRESS SIGNS

WHEREAS, addresses are important for fire, rescue and law enforcement to quickly locate people and property,

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of LaGrange enacts this Ordinance:

Section 1. ADDRESS SIGNS REQUIRED.

Every person owning property on which a structure is located or on which construction activities have commenced shall not prevent the Town of LaGrange from placing address signs as described in this Ordinance. Address signs shall be conspicuously placed as follows: within 50 feet of the centerline of the road, with the numbers facing perpendicular to the road, at least 4' above the grade of the land on which the sign is located, and no further than 10 feet from the driveway. In the case of driveways used by more than one property, an address sign shall be placed at the street access to the driveway showing the range of addresses used by that driveway and individual address signs shall also be placed as described above at the individual entrance to that property.

Section 2. ASSIGNMENT OF ADDRESSES.

Within 30 days after a land division has been completed, the Road Commissioner shall assign an address to each such lot. The choice of address shall be the decision of the Road Commissioner. The Road Commissioner shall maintain a record of all addresses and address assignments showing the proper addresses of all residents, lots and commercial and industrial property in the Town.

Section 3. PROCURING NUMBERS

Prior to the construction of any initial structure on a lot or at the time a building permit is obtained for an initial structure on a lot, whichever is earlier, the Road Commissioner shall charge the owner an amount to be approved by the Town Board for the costs of the address sign and any mounting brackets and posts. The Road Commissioner shall install the address sign.

Section 4. FAILURE TO COMPLY

(1) The Town Clerk shall notify all persons or property not in compliance with this ordinance by sending a notice to comply to be sent to the address listed on the Town's tax rolls, 1st class U.S. mail at least 10 days prior to the Town Board hearing. The notice shall state:

Please take notice that the Town Board of LaGrange will hold a hearing on the _____ day of _____ at _____ M at the LaGrange Town Hall to determine whether the Town will properly place and address sign of the following property _____, and charge the full cost to the property owner(s). All interested persons will be heard.

(2) Upon the Town Clerk's statement at the hearing that the above notice was mailed in compliance with the Ordinance, the Town Board will determine whether the address sign was properly installed. All interested persons will be heard. If the Town Board determines that address signs are not properly installed, then the Town Board may direct an agent of the Town to install the address sign and charge the full cost of the proceedings and installation to the property owner(s).

(3) The Town Board may assess the charges to the property owner(s) and, if not paid within the time fixed by the Town Board, shall become a lien upon the property and shall be placed on the next tax roll as a special assessment. All proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of property for the delinquent charge shall be added to the special assessment.

(4) Any property owner or any person who fails to install, maintain or properly place the address sign and any person who defaces, moves or removes an address sign may receive a citation issued by the Road Commissioner for a violation of this Ordinance. Each day is a separate violation. Upon conviction the Court shall impose a minimum forfeiture of \$50.00 up to a maximum of \$500.00 plus costs and penalty assessments. Failure to pay may result in a commitment to the County jail. The bail schedule shall be \$100.00.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted on motion of Supervisor Bromley, seconded by Supervisor Lohrmann on the 12th day of June, 2006.

Attest:

Town Clerk Crystal Hoffmann

Approved:

Frank Taylor, Chair

Mark Bromley, Supervisor

Don Sukala, Supervisor

Ann Lohrmann, Supervisor