

Title: Ordinance to regulate naming roads

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-01

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE NAMING ROADS

Whereas the public health, safety and welfare require that emergency services such as fire, rescue and law enforcement promptly and accurately respond to 911 calls for service; and

Whereas, prompt responses require locating the property where service is required without confusion, which requires accurately knowing the location; and

Whereas knowing the location of the property requires that every house and every lot on which a separate house or business is located have a separate address, different from every other address in the Town of LaGrange.

Now therefore the Town Board of LaGrange adopts this ordinance:

SECTION 1. Jurisdiction. This ordinance applies to all driveways and roadways, whether public or private.

SECTION 2. Public Roads. The Town Board shall name all public town roads and place signs stating the name of the road at the intersections of all such roads;

SECTION 3. Private Drives and Roads.

A. The owner(s) of all private drives and roads subject to this ordinance shall obtain consent of the Town Board for the name of such drives and roads to assure that emergency services are informed of the names of all drives and roads and to assure no duplication or confusingly similar names;

B. Within 30 days of the Town of LaGrange giving notice to the owner(s) of all private drives and roads subject to this ordinance to obtain Town Board consent for a name, the owner(s) shall obtain consent for the name of such driveway or road and place signs approved by the Town stating the name of the road at the intersections of all such roads;

C. The owner(s) of all private drives and roads subject to his ordinance shall at all times maintain signs naming such drives and roads;

D. If the owner(s) of any private drive or road subject to this ordinance fails or neglects to comply with this ordinance, the Town Board has the discretion to name the driveway or road, and place and maintain signs at intersections and charge the costs to all property benefited pursuant to §66.0701 Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time. The Town shall give a minimum of 5 days notice of a hearing, by mail to the owner(s) of property subject to the assessment. The Town Board shall hold a hearing to determine the costs to be assessed, the property to be assessed and the allocation of the costs to each property. Appeal rights are pursuant to §66.0703(12) Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. Penalty. Failure to comply with this ordinance shall subject the property owner(s) to citation and, upon conviction, forfeiture in the minimum amount of \$25 and maximum amount of \$250, plus

costs and assessments. The bond amount is established at \$150. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any part of this ordinance is determined by a court to be invalid, the remainder is intended to be valid and continue in force and effect.

Adopted by the Town Board of LaGrange on the 12th day of January, 2004.

Approved:

David Heilmeier, Town Chairman

Richard Callaway, Supervisor

Donald Sukala, Supervisor

Ann Lohrmann, Supervisor

Frank Taylor, Supervisor

Attest:

Crystal Hoffmann, Town Clerk