

Title: Special Assessment for Address Signs

Effective Date: 10/9/2006

Category: Subdivision/Property

STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-07

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR ADDRESS SIGNS

WHEREAS the Town Board of LaGrange has determined that uniform address signs will be in the best interest of the public's health, safety and welfare and further that placement of such signs shall benefit each and every parcel of property in the Town of LaGrange on which a structure is located, including parcels owned by governmental agencies.

WHEREAS, Sec. 66.0701 Wis. Stats. authorizes towns to impose special assessments pursuant to local ordinance,

Now therefore the Town Board of LaGrange adopts this ordinance, as follows:

SECTION 1. Special Assessment Authorized.

There may be imposed upon every parcel of land in the Town of LaGrange on which a structure is located a special assessment to pay for the costs of purchasing and installing a uniform address sign on that parcel. The special assessment shall be imposed for the initial signs and all replacement signs. In the event of a multi- parcel sign the costs shall be apportioned equally among the parcels identified on such sign. The amount of the special assessment shall approximate as nearly as practicable the actual costs to the Town of purchasing and installing the sign and shall be established by motion adopted by the Town Board from time to time.

SECTION 2. Notice and Hearing.

A. Prior to imposing a special assessment affecting more than 10 parcels the Town Clerk shall publish a class 1 notice under ch. 985 Wis. Stats. of the Town Board's consideration of the special assessment including the reasonably anticipated amount of the assessment and the place, date and time when all interested persons and their representatives may be heard by the Town Board. The notice shall be published not more than 10 and not less than 40 days before the hearing.

B. Prior to imposing a special assessment affecting 10 or fewer parcels the Town Clerk shall send by US mail postage paid, 1st class, to the last known address that the Clerk can reasonably ascertain, the notice described above. The notice shall be postmarked not more than 10 and not less than 40 days before the hearing.

C. At the scheduled hearing the Town Board shall hear all interested persons and their representatives. After such hearing the Town Board may impose a special assessment. The date the Town Board imposes the assessment shall be the date the special assessment is levied and shall be a lien against the property.

SECTION 3. Appeal.

Any person against whose land a special assessment is levied may appeal from the decision of the Town Board in the manner prescribed in Sec. 66.0703 (12) Wis. Stats. within 40 days after the Town Board levies the special assessment.

SECTION 4. Severability and Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

A. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective as to whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions, other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

B. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by the Town of LaGrange are hereby repealed.

Adopted on motion of Supervisor Bromley, seconded by Supervisor Schramm on the 9th day of October, 2006.

Attest:

Crystal Hoffmann, Town Clerk

Approved:

Frank Taylor, Town Chairman

Mark Bromley, Supervisor

Don Sukala, Supervisor

Ann Lohrmann, Supervisor

Jeff Schramm, Supervisor