

ORDINANCE OF RANSOM TOWNSHIP,  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2015

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF ALL RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ON BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADWAYS WITHIN RANSOM TOWNSHIP; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUMBERING RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NUMBERING SYSTEM; DESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Ransom Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, is a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ransom Township Supervisors believe it to be in the best interests of Ransom Township residents and property owners to promote and enhance the effective and rapid location of properties by public safety personnel including law enforcement, fire, rescue and emergency medical services, as well as to promote efficient and orderly delivery of mail, utilities and other services through a uniform system of numbering residential and non-residential buildings on all public and private roadways within Ransom Township; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing a uniform and effective means of identifying the location of residential and non-residential buildings within Ransom Township will support and promote the use of an emergency 911 address.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Ransom Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, that:

**SECTION 1: Short Title**

This Ordinance shall be called and known as the "Ransom Township Property Numbering Ordinance".

**SECTION 2: Declaration of Purpose**

It is the purpose of this Ordinance:

- (a) To promote and enhance the effective and rapid location of residential and non-residential buildings by public safety personnel, including law enforcement, fire, rescue and emergency medical services;
- (b) To establish a uniform and effective means of identifying the location of property that shall serve as an emergency 911 address;
- (c) To promote the efficient and orderly delivery of mail, utilities and other services; and
- (d) To afford property owners, business, Township residents, visitors and others a convenient and accurate means of identifying property within the geographical area of Ransom Township.

**SECTION 3: Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) Person – any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or

organization of any kind.

- (b) Owner – any legal owner, equitable owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or trustee in possession of real property;
- (c) Residential Building – any building or portion thereof designed to be occupied by one or more families for living quarters;
- (d) Non-Residential Building – any building or portion thereof designed to be occupied for a non-residential use;
- (e) Property Address Numbers – the official street address numbers assigned to all residential and non-residential buildings on all public and private roadways within Ransom Township.
- (f) Other words and phrases – all other words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning ascribed to them as set forth in the Ransom Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Ransom Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

#### **SECTION 4: Application of Ordinance**

This Ordinance and all terms, regulations and procedures contained herein shall apply to and govern each and every lot, parcel or tract of land and building thereon situate upon any public or private roadway within Ransom Township. All residential and non-residential buildings existing at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance or existing at any future time must be in compliance with this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION 5: Standards and Specifications for Property Address Numbering**

- (a) Property address numbers assigned to all residential and non-residential buildings within Ransom Township shall be conspicuously located and placed so as to clearly identify the property they relate to. To the extent practical, all property address numbers shall be placed in the front yard area at least twenty feet from any adjacent property line and clearly visible with the naked eye from either side of the travel portion of both public and private roadways.
- (b) Property address numbers shall be depicted in Arabic numerals in three-inch reflective white lettering on a green background measuring 6” wide by 18” high and shall be made of durable coated metal or plastic and erected on a permanent post.
- (c) The owner of a property upon which a residential or non-residential building is located shall maintain the property address numbers in such a manner that they shall continue to comply with this Ordinance. Under no circumstances shall any property address number be covered or concealed or otherwise permit the sight obstruction of property address number including the accumulation of snow.
- (d) Numerals placed on mailboxes for US Postal Service identification shall not be a substitute for the property address number identification required under this ordinance.
- (e) In addition to a common property address number, mobile home park lots shall have unit numbers for each mobile home using numbers which are not less than three inches.

#### **SECTION 6: Compliance Requirements**

It shall be the duty of each property owner to install property address numbers at the property owners existing residential or non-residential building in compliance with this Ordinance as soon as may be

practicable but not more than sixty (60) days from the date of adoption of this Ordinance. For all new residential or non-residential buildings, street address numbering must be installed prior to the first use or occupation of the building;

**SECTION 7: Penalties**

Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a fine in the amount of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per violation in addition to any other applicable remedies available by a court of competent jurisdiction. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 8: Enforcement**

The Ransom Township Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. First-time violations shall receive a notice letter of violation and the time within which to cure the violation. All subsequent violations shall be subject to the penalties as provided herein.

**SECTION 9: Severability**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, provision or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, or sections of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10: Repealer**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 11: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following its enactment.

**ORDAINED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Ransom Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

RANSOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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DENNIS MACHESKA, CHAIRMAN

David Bird  
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Township Secretary/Treasurer

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