

West Mead Township
Crawford County, Pennsylvania
Ordinance No. 1995 - 6

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE, REGULATE AND ENFORCE PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERING AND PRIVATE STREET NAME SIGNAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ENHANCED 9-1-1, AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION SYSTEM, FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Whereas, the Township is participating in the Crawford County Enhanced 9-1-1 System which provides for improved police, fire and emergency services, and the Crawford County 9-1-1 System, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, has developed and is implementing a standardized, county-wide system of property address numbering for use throughout Crawford County; and

Whereas, a standardized system of property address numbering by all participating municipalities and placement of street name signs for private roadways, better enables emergency response personnel to locate persons requiring assistance and makes the Enhanced 9-1-1 System more effective, and is authorized by Section 702(37) of the Second Class Township Code and other sections permitting regulation for the public health and safety.

Now, Therefore, BE IT ORDERED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of West Mead Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Street Number Regulations. The owners of all buildings or property within the Township to which street numbers have been assigned by the Crawford County 9-1-1 System shall have the street number prominently displayed at all times in accordance with the following standards. For purposes of this Ordinance a "street number" is an address number established in accordance with the County wide 9-1-1 system with reference to the adjacent road or street, assigned and given to a particular building or property by the Crawford County 911 Agency and U.S. Postal Service or as otherwise assigned or retained in conjunction with the City of Meadville numbering system.

- a.** Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have a street number displayed upon the building except that for buildings which are located a distance greater than 75 feet from the nearest edge of the cartway of the public roadway or upon which signage cannot be attached which would be readable from the nearest public roadway by reason of natural or manmade obstructions, the owner of said property shall be required to provide posted street number signage at least 20 feet and not more than 30 feet from the nearest edge of the cartway of the public roadway, which post shall have affixed thereon the street number which has been assigned to the building.

- b. The assigned street numbers shall be either affixed directly to the building or post or displayed upon a sign affixed to the building or post. The street number shall be displayed in such a manner that the numbers will contrast in color with the background and will be observed and readable from the nearest public or private roadway. All numbers shall be in standard arabic numerals, not less than four (4) inches in height and not less than one-half (1/2) inch in width. It is recommended that the numbers be reflective for greater nighttime visibility.
- c. If, for any reason, the street number of a particular building is not readily identifiable by posted signage along the roadway whether due to the proximity of multiple buildings with different street numbers or some other reason, then the street number should be affixed to the building as well as posted by the road. Similarly, if a single building has multiple street numbers or apartment numbers such as a professional building or apartments, a building directory should be posted at the main entrance of the building.

Section 2. *Private Road Name Signs.* The owner or owners of all private drives, roadways or easements used for vehicle access to multiple properties where the drives and roadways are not recognized as Township roads and which is referenced in the address of property owners whose residence or business abuts said private drives or roadways shall, in addition to the other requirements set forth in this Ordinance, install a sign which identifies the private road or private drive name as adopted by the Township, with said signage to be placed at the entrance where the private road or private drive intersects with the public roadway, in such manner so as to be readily observable by persons traveling upon the public roadway, but not creating an obstruction to visibility of motorists.

Section 3. *Prohibited Activity.* It shall be unlawful to cover, conceal, obstruct, destroy, remove, deface or vandalize any street number or road/street name sign or placard, installed or displayed pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 4. *Enforcement.* Upon determining that a building or property owner has not complied with the street numbering or road name signage regulations of this Ordinance, the Township Supervisors or their designated representative, with the Supervisors' consent, may pursue any of the following enforcement remedies:

- a. The Supervisors may provide written notice to the owners, occupants and other persons in possession of buildings or property which has not been numbered in accordance with these regulations, of the violation and need to comply.

- b. In the event that persons persist in refusing to comply with these regulations despite notices to do so, the Supervisors may issue a written order directing the owners, occupants or others in possession of the buildings or property in violation of this Ordinance to comply with the applicable requirements of this Ordinance. Any person who is aggrieved by any order issued pursuant to this Ordinance may appeal to the Township Supervisors by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the Township Secretary within Ten (10) days of the date of the subject order or notice.
- c. In the event the property owners or occupants or possessors fail or refuse to take action in accordance with the notices and an order issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the Township Supervisors may provide the signage, as necessary, in order to bring the property owner into compliance with the standards promulgated in this Ordinance. The Township may recover the cost of materials and labor for the purchase and installation of signage from the property owners, occupants or possessors reasonable administrative fees, interest or other charges allowed by law.

In the event the owners, occupants or possessors of the subject property fail to pay the cost of such installation as determined and approved, then the Township may institute proceedings at law to collect the full costs together with all penalties, interest, fees, and other charges which are authorized by applicable law, or may take action to assess these costs and charges against the premises and the owners thereof and collect same as a municipal lien or may take other action to collect these sums as may be permitted by law.

Section 5. *Penalty for Violation.* Any person who shall be found to have engaged in the prohibited unlawful conduct as set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance or who shall willfully fail to comply with any order to comply with the street numbering regulations, shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$200.00 and no more than \$500.00, together with court costs, and upon default in payment of the fine, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than Ten (10) days.

Section 6. The proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized to take necessary and proper action to establish, implement and enforce the standardized system of property address numbering and street/road name sign placement as provided for in this Ordinance and to comply with the requirements of the Automatic Location information needs of the Crawford County 9-1-1 System.

Section 7. *Effective Date.* The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective Five (5) days after enactment.

Section 8. *Severability.* Should any section, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by appropriate authority to be unlawful or unconstitutional, all other terms, conditions, provisions and parts hereof, and of any Code of which this Ordinance may be or may be considered to be part, shall continue in full force and effect as if the provision declared to be unlawful or unconstitutional had been omitted as of the date of final enactment hereof.

Section 9. *Repealer.* All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Ordained and Enacted into law by the Board of Supervisors of West Mead

Township this *11th* day of October, A.D., 1995.

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Chairman

By: _____
Supervisor

By: _____
Supervisor

Attest:

By: *Judy E. Mona*
Secretary
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Daniel C. Minick, Chairman, J.L. Jordan, Supervisor, Lorance S. Wasson, Supervisor, signed this document. The signatures would not scan in.