

Chapter 71

BUILDINGS, NUMBERING OF

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 88.

Subdivision and land development — See Ch. 185.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 157.

§ 71-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined:

CLEARLY VISIBLE — Displayed in a manner which allows the sign to be clearly seen, day or night, from the street in front of the building, unobstructed by trees, shrubs, vegetation or any structures upon the property.

HOUSE NUMBER — The number which has been legally assigned to a residence, apartment building, or business for the purpose of identification and for use by the United States Postal Service for the delivery of mail.

PROPERTY OWNER — The person(s), corporation(s), or other legal entity or entities who own or lease any residence, apartment building, or business located within the Borough of Bechtelsville.

STREET SIGN — The sign which displays the name of the street as approved by the Bechtelsville Planning Commission and the Borough Council of the Borough of Bechtelsville in any area under development and which street has not yet been formally accepted by the Borough of Bechtelsville.

§ 71-2. Standards of display.

The property owner of each residence, apartment building, or business shall provide and display the legally assigned house number and/or other required identification as follows:

- A. House number. The property owner of any residence, apartment building or business shall display the house number in such a fashion that it is clearly visible from the street, day or night. The house number shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three inches in height, contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed, and as near to the front entrance as possible and practicable.

- B. Private lane. The property owner of any residence, apartment building, or business which is located on a private lane which intersects with a public street shall display the legally assigned house number at the intersection of the private lane and the public street and shall also display the house number at the intersection of the private lane and the driveway, and shall furthermore display the house number on the residence, apartment building, or business nearest the point where a vehicle would stop at the building. Each display of house numbers shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three inches in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed. At the intersection of the private lane and the public street and each intersection of the private lane and driveway, the numbers shall be placed upon a post or other structure which displays the numbers 48 inches above the ground.
- C. Malls and shopping center. The property owner of any business which is located within a mall or shopping center shall display the legally assigned number at the main entrance to the business. The numbers shall be not less than three inches in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed. Additionally, the property owner of each business located within a mall or shopping center shall display the name of the business on the rear door to the building in letters which are not less than three inches in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed.
- D. Additional numbers. If any residence, apartment building, or business (except malls and shopping centers) is located so that the house number is not clearly visible from the street, an additional house number shall be posted at the intersection of the driveway with the public street. The additional house number shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three inches in height, contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed, and placed upon a post or other structure which displays the number 48 inches above the ground.
- E. Street signs. The developer of any subdivision or land development which is under construction shall post signs approved by the Bechtelsville Borough Council with the approved name of the street and the intersecting street prior to the occupancy of any home on said street.

§ 71-3. Maintenance.

The property owner of any residence, apartment building, or business shall maintain the clearly visible display of house numbers as required under this chapter at all times. Developers shall maintain street signs that are clearly visible until such time as the street has been formally accepted by Borough Council.

§ 71-4. Inspection; notice to comply.

The Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Bechtelsville is hereby authorized to enter upon private property for the purposes of inspection and to give notice by personal service to property owners in violation of this chapter, directing them to abate such violation within 10 days after issuance of such notice. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 71-5. Violations and penalties.

Any property owner who violates the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice after hearing held, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment of not more than 30 days.

