

ORDINANCE 1991-2

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR HOUSES AND STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF Westport, INDIANA, AND SETTING FORTH CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH SYSTEM, AND FOR THE RENUMBERING OF HOUSES AND STRUCTURES NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH SUCH SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF Westport, INDIANA:

Section I. UNIFORM NUMBERING SYSTEM

A plan for the orderly and systematic numbering of houses and structures located within the Town of Westport, Indiana is hereby enacted (hereinafter "Uniform Numbering System"). Any and all ordinances previously adopted regarding the numbering of houses and structures are hereby repealed.

Section II. RELATION TO HEALTH AND WELFARE

The numbering of houses and other structures in an orderly and systematic manner will make the location for such houses and structure more expeditious in cases of fire emergencies, in situations involving immediate need for medical attention for members of family or occupants of a building, and in instances where police protection may be required. An orderly and systematic house numbering process will also enhance the delivery of goods and services, as well as increase the efficiency of operations such as postal delivery.

Section III. CONFORMITY

From the effective date of this ordinance, the existing numbers for all houses and structures located on lots or parcels of land abutting public streets or roads within the jurisdictional area of the Town of Westport, are adopted as official address numbers, unless such numbers are not adequate to identify the particular address. Street names and address numbers shall be assigned by the Town Council or such officer as the Town Council may designate. Such numbers shall be included on the permit for new buildings, and no permit authorizing the occupancy of a house or structure shall be issued and no final inspection of a building performed for the purpose of permitting its occupancy shall be deemed complete unless such house or structure displays, at the time of inspection, the officially assigned number in full compliance with the standards of this ordinance.

Section IV. STANDARDS FOR THE POSTING OF HOUSE NUMBERS

The owner or occupant of a house or structure located within the jurisdic-

tional area of the Town of Westport, Indiana shall post officially assigned numbers in English, using Arabic (not Roman) numerals in a location providing easy identification from the abutting street or road. Such number shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height, made of durable, weatherproof material, and be a color made to stand out distinctly against its background. Such official number may be placed attached to the mail box (as according to postal regulations) or on a post or outside light, or on any prominent place on the house or structure so that the number is identifiable. Provided, however, that if a building is not visible from a road or if a building is more than 200 feet from a road, the number shall be displayed at the entrance to the access road or driveway to such building by means of a separate marker or on a mailbox. Whenever the number is placed on a place other than the structure itself, it shall be positioned to allow the structure to be readily identified with the address number.

#### Section V. NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL AGENCIES

The Town Council shall provide a uniform system of notification of the issuance of numbers or the renumbering of houses and structures. Notification shall be made reasonably ahead of impending changes so as to allow interested groups and agencies to plan and to prepare for proposed changes. The Town Council shall keep accurate records and shall, from time to time, prepare and make available to the Decatur County Commissioners a report of the status of the implementation of the uniform numbering system.

#### Section VI. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Any person, firm or corporation owning or occupying a building who shall fail to number such building or who shall fail to maintain the number of such building as provided in this Ordinance shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this Ordinance and shall be fined a sum of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each day's violation.

#### Section VII. ENFORCEMENT

The Town Council may institute a suit for injunction to restrain any person, firm or corporation who shall take down, alter, deface, destroy or conceal any number assigned to or placed upon any building in compliance with this Ordinance, or who shall place or substitute or permit to be placed or substituted upon any building an erroneous or improper number not in compliance with this Ordinance, or who shall allow to be retained upon any building an erroneous or improper number not in compliance with this Ordinance. The Town Council may institute a suit for mandatory injunction directing a person, firm or corporation to correct any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or to bring about compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. If the Town Council is successful in any such suit, the defendant or respondent shall bear the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by vote of the Town Council of Westport,  
Indiana, at a regular meeting held this 11 day of March, 1991.

TOWN COUNCIL OF  
Westport, INDIANA

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