

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF STREET NUMBERS AND REQUIRING THE AFFIXING THEREOF TO BUILDINGS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled, that pursuant to Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following ordinance is adopted:

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance shall be to promote public safety and convenience through the provision of a rational street numbering system whereby addresses may be identified with the ease and speed which is essential to the quick response of emergency services such as fire fighting, police and emergency medical care.

2. **DUTY.** It shall be the duty of the owners of all dwellings, apartments, houses, multiple family dwellings, rooming houses, hotels, commercial establishments, and other buildings within the Town of Plainville, to number such buildings or units with numerals as herein provided. It shall be unlawful for any person whether owner or occupant of the building or any apartment or unit therein to place, maintain or allow to remain thereon any number other than the one required by this ordinance.

3. **ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERS.** The Building Official of the Town of Plainville, at his discretion and without notice, may assign each building, or part of a building other than an accessory building, a street identification number by which such building or part thereof shall be known, and may change such numbers of such buildings or part of such buildings. The Buildings Official shall be authorized to change a street identification number of any individual building or buildings or parts thereof, when such change shall be necessary by reason of readjustment of any kind, inaccuracy or mistake, or for any other reason. It shall be the duty of the Building Official, whenever a new street or highway is laid out, to assign to the land abutting on such street or highway, numbers at such measured intervals or distances, as in the opinion of the Building Official the public interests shall require. When buildings fronting on such new street or highway are completed for occupancy, the owners thereof shall affix numbers to their buildings.

All new structures on any street or highway within the Town of Plainville shall have affixed thereto numbers as assigned by the Building Official prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the Building Official.

4. **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.** Whenever the Building Official, acting in accordance with this ordinance, shall have assigned numbers to a building, he shall send to the owner or owners of each and all buildings a written notice informing them of such numbering or renumbering and directing them to affix to such premises numerals indicating the number thereto assigned. It shall thereupon become the duty of the owner or owners to affix said numbers within thirty (30) days after the sending of such notice.

It shall be the duty of the owners of all buildings existing at the effective date of this ordinance, without prior notice, to affix numerals indicating the street identification number which has previously been assigned to such buildings by the Town or, if there is no record of such assignment, the street identification number which customarily has been used for such premises. Such numbers shall be affixed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance.

5. **SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TYPE AND LOCATION OF NUMBERS.** (a) Numerals used to indicate the street identification number of buildings shall be located on the exterior front of the building which they identify or on a post, sign, mailbox or other device located between the building and the street. Such numerals shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be of a color contrasting with the color of the background material to which they are affixed, they shall be positioned not less than four (4) feet nor more than twelve (12) feet from the surface of the ground directly below them. The location and size of such numerals shall be sufficient to assure their legibility when the building which they identify is viewed from one or more points along the center line of the street on which it fronts between projections of the sides of such building intersecting perpendicularly with said center line.

(b) If a building fronting on a street or private road is set back more than one hundred (100) feet from the center line of such street or private road or if any numerals affixed to such a building in accordance with subsection (a) cannot be made legible from such center line because of obstruction, the aforesaid numerals shall also be affixed to a post, sign, mailbox or other device which shall be located within ten (10) feet of the driveway entrance which provides the closest vehicular access to the building or part of the building to which the numerals have been assigned.

(c) For buildings containing two (2) or more dwelling units, stores, offices, or any combinations thereof, and which have entrances from interior passageways, numerals for such dwelling units, stores or offices shall be affixed within five (5) feet of every exterior door of the building by which the building may be entered and from which access of such dwelling units,

stores or offices may be gained. In addition, the same number shall be affixed to the entrance door of each unit, store, office or combination thereof. Otherwise the specifications and locations for such numerals shall be as for other buildings. All numbers must be made of substantial and permanent material, and must be so placed or affixed as not to be easily effaced or removed.

6. **PENALTY.** Every owner, or occupant of any building or part thereof and every agent of any said owner who shall neglect or refuse for thirty (30) days to affix to the same the number assigned by the Building Official, or who shall affix to the same or retain thereon more than five (5) days, any number contrary to the direction of the Building Official, or who shall refuse or neglect to comply with any provision of this ordinance, shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of Five and 00/100 (\$5.00) Dollars. For the purposes of enforcing this provision of this ordinance, tickets may be issued by any person authorized to issue tickets, summons or infractions under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Charter of the Town of Plainville. Each day of neglect or refusal to comply with the directions of said Building Official shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

If any fine is not paid within seven (7) days of the issuance of a ticket, a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the violator on a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine or not less than Five and 00/100 (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Twenty-five and 00/100 (\$25.00) Dollars for each offense. All penalties received for violations of this ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Plainville and remitted to the Plainville Police Department.

7. **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance, but they shall remain in effect.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by Town Council Feb. 4, 1985