

**BRADFORD TOWNSHIP, McKEAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 21, PART 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, in order to improve the safety and health of Township residents by ensuring that the police, fire department, emergency personnel and first responders are able to promptly and accurately identify the address of a residence, building, or other structure at which an emergency event may be occurring, the Supervisors of Bradford Township wish to amend Chapter 21, Part 2 of the Township's Code of Ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of Bradford Township as follow:

I. Chapter 21, Part 2 of the Township's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Structure/Property Address Numbering  
and Private Street Name Signage**

§201. Street Number Regulations. The owners of all residences, buildings or structures within the Township to which street numbers have been assigned by the McKean County 911 Public Safety System must have the street number displayed on a sign that meets all of the requirements identified below, regardless of whether the street number is already displayed on the residence, building, structure, or property. For purposes of this Part a street number is an address number established in accordance with the countywide 911 Public Health Safety System with reference to the adjacent road or street assigned and given to a particular residence, building or structure by the McKean County 911 and the United States Postal Service.

1. Placement of Signs

- a. The sign must be placed at least 15 (fifteen) feet from the paved part of the public road, but not more than 30 (thirty) feet from the paved part of the public road. If the road is gravel or dirt, the sign must be placed at least 10 (ten) feet from the edge of the berm closest to the house, building or structure, but not more than 25 (twenty-five) feet from the edge of the berm.
- b. When a driveway is present, signs must also be within 10 (ten) feet of the driveway. When a driveway is not present, signs must be centered in front of the residence, building, or structure.
- c. Signs must be on the same side of the roadway as the residence, building, or structure.

## 2. Visibility of Signs

- a. Signs must be placed vertically on a post.
- b. The bottom of the sign must not be lower than 3 (three) feet from the ground and not higher than 6 (six) feet from the ground
- c. Signs must be visible from both directions at all times. Signs are not to be placed behind trees or shrubs or otherwise in a location where the view of the sign from the public road is obstructed.
- d. The sign must be at least 18" in height x 6" in width, with a green background color
- e. Numbers must be at least 4" high by at least 1.5" wide
- f. Numbers must be in white reflective standard Arabic and visible on both sides of the sign

## 3. Compliance to Display Signs

- a. A compliant sign must be installed the property owner within 90 (ninety) days after the effective date of this Ordinance. For new construction the property owner shall install a compliant sign within 90 (ninety) days of the date on which a street number is assigned by the McKean County 911 Public Safety System. Once installed, the sign must remain installed and in compliance as long as the requirements of this Part remain in effect.
- b. All costs and work associated with the purchase, installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of a sign and post shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
- c. Signs that meet the requirements of this Part, and a post, will be available for purchase, at the option of the property owner, by the Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department and/or Bradford Township. Any sign and post purchased through the Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department and/or Bradford Township shall become the sole and exclusive property of the property owner following purchase. In the event that a property owner elects to not purchase a sign through the Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department and/or Bradford Township, the property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the sign is in compliance with the requirements of this Part.

§202. Private Road and Private Drive Name Signs. The owner or owners of all private drives or roadways 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 structure/property owner whose residence or business abuts said private drive or roadways shall, in addition to the other requirements set forth in this Part, 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.

§203. Prohibited Activity. It shall be unlawful to cover, conceal, obstruct, damage, destroy, remove, deface or vandalize any street number sign, any private road sign, or any private drive sign installed pursuant to the requirements of this Part.

§204. Enforcement. Upon determining that a property owner is not in compliance with any requirement of this Part, the Code Enforcement Officer shall send a letter to the property owner that identifies the nature of the violation and provides the property owner with 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter to establish compliance with the requirements of this Part. The letter must either be sent by certified mail or personally served on the property owner by the Code Enforcement Officer.

§205. Penalty for Violation. Any property owner who, after receiving a notice pursuant to §204, fails to establish compliance within the 30-day time period, shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), together with court costs. Each day after the 30-day time period that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

§206. Authorization. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to implement, administer, and enforce this Part; to issue summary citations for any alleged violations of this Part; and to prosecute any alleged violations. When deemed necessary by the Township, the Township's Solicitor is also authorized to prosecute any alleged violations of this Part.

§207. Purpose. The Purpose of this Part is to improve the safety and health of Township residents by ensuring that the police, fire department, emergency personnel and first responders are able to promptly and accurately identify the address of a residence, building, or other structure at which an emergency event may be occurring

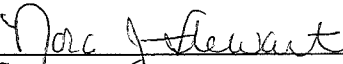
II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of this Township not in accordance with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they affect this Ordinance.

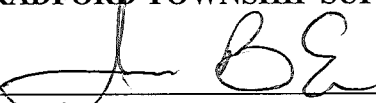
III. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after the adoption thereof.

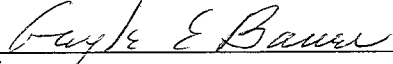
ADOPTED as an Ordinance of Bradford Township this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

**BRADFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST: (SEAL)

  
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Secretary

  
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