

**SOUTH SHENANGO TOWNSHIP  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1996 -1**

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 South Shenango 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:

- a. Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have a street number displayed upon the building. The street numbers may be affixed directly to the building or, alternatively, may be displayed upon a sign affixed to the building. 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) stroke in width.
- b. For buildings which are located a distance greater than 50 feet from the nearest 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, in

addition to the provisions appearing in Subsection a. above, provide posted signage within 20 feet of the public roadway, which post shall have affixed thereon the street number which has been assigned to the building, with said street number to be affixed in conformity with the provisions appearing in Subsection a., above.

**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 shall notify the owner(s) of said building(s) of the violation and order the owner(s) to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. The subject notice/order shall be in writing and shall require that the owner(s) comply with the requirements of this Ordinance within Thirty (30) days.

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.

**Section 5. *Remedies.*** In the event a property owner fails or refuses to take action in accordance with the notice/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, and recover its cost and expense from the property owner, including in such cost and expense reasonable administrative fees as shall be incurred by the Township.

In the event the owner of any property which has had the required signage installed by action of the Township fails to pay the cost of such installation as determined and approved, then in that event the full costs thereof, together with all penalties, interest, fees, and other charges which are authorized by applicable law, shall be assessed against the premises and the owner thereof and collected as a municipal lien or collected otherwise as permitted by law.

**Section 6. Penalty for Violation.** Any person who shall be found to have engaged in the unlawful conduct prohibited in Section 3 of this Ordinance or who shall willfully fail to comply with any notice or 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 7.** The proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts necessary and proper 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 8. Effective Date.** The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective Five (5) days after enactment.

**Section 9. 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 10. Repealer.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Ordained and Enacted into law** by the Board of Supervisors of South Shenango Township this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 1996.

South Shenango Township Board of Supervisors

By: Kerry L. Hannan  
Chairman

By: Joseph R. [Signature]  
Supervisor

By: [Signature]  
Supervisor

Attest:

By: [Signature]  
Secretary

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