

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 88-8-1-B ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 1, 1988 ESTABLISHING THE REQUIRED NUMBERING ON ALL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY; REQUIRING REAR NUMBERING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS; AND AMENDING THAT EXISTING BUILDINGS SHALL HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS RATHER THAN ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NUMBERING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OR FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE.

WHEREAS, members of the Fire, Ambulance and Police Departments responding to emergency calls for assistance requiring prompt action to save lives and property have difficulty in locating particular buildings and units to provide such assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. OWNER OR OCCUPANT TO NUMBER BUILDINGS.

- (A) The owner or occupant of each building in the City of Garrett shall place and maintain on the building, an official building number in a conspicuous place that can be clearly seen from the public street or fire lane. This requirement does not apply to accessory buildings.
- (B) The number must be placed within 10 days after a new building is completed.
- (C) The number must be placed within 30 days after the date of passage of this ordinance for existing buildings.

SECTION 2. OFFICIAL NUMBERING PLAN MUST BE FOLLOWED.

The building official shall designate the official number that is to be placed on each building. A person may request an official number designation by submitting a legal description and site plan demonstrating the proposed numbering system to the building official for approval.

SECTION 3. SPECIFICATIONS FOR NUMBERS.

An official building number placed pursuant to this ordinance **must be at least three inches high, composed of a durable material approved by the building official, and of a color which provides a contrast to the background where the numbers are affixed.**

SECTION 4. ODD AND EVEN NUMBERS.

Odd numbers shall be assigned to the south side, and even numbers assigned to the north side of streets and public accesses running east and west or substantially in that direction. Odd numbers shall be assigned to the west side, and even numbers assigned to the east side of streets and public accesses running north and south or substantially in that direction.

SECTION 5. REAR NUMBERING REQUIRED ON NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

- (A) For all construction after the effective date of this ordinance, official building numbers must be posted on the rear of non-residential buildings, so that the numbers are clearly visible from the street, alley or fire lane.

- (B) The rear numbers shall be posted on the rear door of the building. If the building has more than one rear door, the official building number shall be posted on all rear doors, and the business name must be displayed on the outside of at least one rear door.

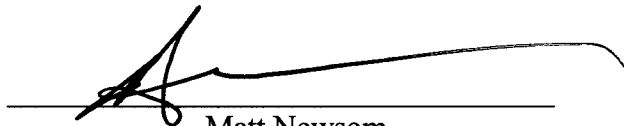
SECTION 6. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense and that each day such violation shall continue to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The fact that the City of Garrett does not have an ordinance regulating numbering on buildings within the corporate limits of the City of Garrett, Texas, creates an emergency for the immediate preservation of public business, property, health, safety, and general welfare of the public that requires that this Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its passage as provided by law, and it is accordingly so ordained.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF August, 2009.



Matt Newsom
Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Featherston
City Secretary