

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BEECH CREEK, CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNING BUILDINGS TO REQUIRE THE NUMBERING OF HOUSES AND BUILDINGS IN BEECH CREEK BOROUGH, TO ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUMBERING BUILDINGS AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

WHEREAS, Chapter V of the Code of Ordinance of the Borough of Beech Creek, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, establishes regulations pertaining to buildings within the Borough of Beech Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Beech Creek is a participant in the Clinton County 9-1-1 System for Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Beech Creek desires to facilitate the dispatch of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Beech Creek desires to implement a building numbering requirement for all residences and buildings within the Borough of Beech Creek to facilitate the direct dispatch of Police, Fire and Emergency Management services within its borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, be enacted and ordained by the Council of the Borough of Beech Creek, Clinton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter V of the Beech Creek Borough Code of Ordinances is amended to add the following Part 9:

PART 9

BUILDING NUMBERING REQUIREMENTS

Section 901: Authorization

The proper officers of the Borough of Beech Creek are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts necessary and proper to establish, implement and enforce a standardized system of property address numbering to accommodate the needs of the Clinton County 9-1-1 System.

Section 302: Responsibility for Numbering Buildings

It shall be the obligation and duty of each and every owner of each and every house, building or other structure in the Borough of Beech Creek to cause the same to be numbered in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 303: Numbering Requirements and Standards

The owners of all buildings or property shall have the address number thereof prominently displayed at all times in accordance with the standards set forth herein. Owners who receive new assignments or changes from the Clinton County Address Coordinator shall have the new or changed number prominently displayed within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notification and at all times thereafter in accordance with the following standards:

- A. The address number shall be displayed within clear view at the main entrance of each building to which an address number has been assigned. Multi-unit buildings with separate entrances and addresses for different units are required to have each number posted near that entrance.

B. In addition, for buildings which are farther than fifty (50) feet from the roadway or which do not have the building number easily visible from the main roadway, the address number shall be posted within clear view from the public roadway and within clear view of the driveway to the structure so as to be easily visible by emergency personnel. Bi-directional reflective driveway number posting is encouraged even when not required.

C. All building address numbers shall be constructed of durable material with a color and brightness which contrasts with the surface on which it is posted with the numbers at least four (4) inches high so as to be easily readable by emergency personnel from the named public or private roadway. All numbers shall be reflective or lighted. Signs shall be readable from all roadway approach directions.

D. Posted address numbers, as viewed from the public and private roadway, shall not be obstructed from view by landscaping, shrubs, vegetation, screen door, canopies, ornaments, or any other plant or structure.

Section 904: Renumbering Buildings

The proper officers of the Borough of Beech Creek are hereby authorized to require the numbering and renumbering of any house, building or other structure in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 905: Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment to a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: If any sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Beech Creek Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective on the earliest date permitted by law.

Enacted and ordained into an Ordinance this 1 day of May, 2001.

BEECH BOROUGH COUNCIL

By: William T. Hennessey
President

ATTEST:

Patricia Schuff
Secretary

Approved this 1 day of May, 2001.

Melvin B. Crakey
Mayor