

ANSON E-911 ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid location of properties for the delivery of public safety and emergency services, postal delivery, and business delivery.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with the Municipal Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A MRSA, Section 3001.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply. A "street" is any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt way within a city, town, or plantation. An "improved property" refers to any property on which a more or less permanent structure has been erected or placed.

SECTION 4. OFFICIAL MAP

The map entitled "Official Street Name Map of the Town of Anson, Maine" dated June 1, 1996 is hereby adopted as the official map by which streets are named for the purpose of assigning property numbers. The map shall be held in the custody of the Board of Selectmen. Assignment of numbers to properties, both on existing and proposed streets, shall be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for maintaining the following official records of the numbering system:

- A. The property number maps of the Town of Anson.
- B. An alphabetical list of all owners as identified by current assessment records, by last names, showing the assigned numbers.
- C. An alphabetical list of all streets with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

SECTION 5. NUMBERING AND NAMING SYSTEM

Each residence and business property shall have a number indicating its position on the street on which it is located. Every street with more than one property, improved or unimproved,

shall have a name. The Anson Board of Selectmen are authorized to assign names for such ways. A street name assigned by the town shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the street as a public way. Street names shall conform to U.S. Postal Service guidelines as published in their publication 28, Postal Addressing Standards. In general, one whole number shall be assigned for every fifty (50) feet of street frontage, whether the property is improved or vacant. In general, numbering shall begin at the end of the street closest to the datum line (designated point of origin) of the town with even numbers appearing on the left side of the street and odd numbering appearing on the right side of the street. Every improved property with more than one principle use or occupancy shall have a separate designator for each use or occupancy (i.e.) 235 Maple Street, Apt. 2).

SECTION 6. PROPERTY OWNERS TO POST NUMBERS

Every owner of an improved property shall, on or before the effective date of this ordinance, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said property, the number assigned. Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance. The number assigned shall be displayed in numeral form and be no less than five (5) inches high. Numbers indicating the official number of each improved and in a manner as to be legible from the street on which side the property is located. If the principal entrance is not located facing the street, the number may be posted on the corner of the structure that is closest to a principal entrance on the side or back. If the structure is not visible from the street or is more than 50 feet from the street, the number shall be posted on some structure that will make it visible from the street.

SECTION 7. PROPOSED STREETS AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES

Proposed streets shall be named and numbers in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this ordinance. New structures shall be posted with numbers in accordance with the provision of Section 6 of this ordinance. On the final plan showing proposed streets, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in the center of the street every (50) feet so as to aid the town in assigning numbers to buildings subsequently constructed. Proposed property numbers shall be noted on the blueprints, drawings, or plans submitted with the application for any required building or land use permits or approvals.

SECTION 8. UNLAWFUL TO DEFACE NUMBERS OR STREET SIGNS

No person may alter, deface, or remove any number place on any property in accordance with this ordinance, except for repair or replacement of such number. No person may alter, deface, or remove any street name sign erected in accordance with this ordinance, except for repair or replacement of such sign.

SECTION 9. PENALTY

Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty, payable to the Town of Anson, of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00 for each violation, together with payment of attorney's fees as provided by law. Each day a violation is permitted to continue is a separate offense.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, it shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as of October 1, 1996. It shall be the duty of the town to notify by mail each owner and the Post Office of the new address within thirty (30) days. It shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this ordinance within thirty days of notification. On new structures, numbering will be installed prior to final inspection, if required by local ordinance, or when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.

HEARING DATE: _____

TOWN MEETING DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____

TOWN CLERK

(Seal)

Amended: June 1, 1999 Selectmen authorized to name streets

Amended: March 3, 2001 Change number size from 5" to 4"