VILLAGE OF ALMONT

ADDRESS NUMBERING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 157

An Ordinance to require the acquisition and posting of address numbers to assist ambulance, police, fire department and other public safety and service agencies to locate those in need of assistance or service.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

Section 1. ADDRESS NUMBER REQUIRED. Each dwelling and each principal building within the Village shall obtain and display an assigned address number. An address number shall only be issued for a public or a private street.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

A. "Principal building" shall mean the main building located on a parcel or lot. Garages, pole barns, and other buildings which are normally accessory to other structures shall not be deemed to be "principal buildings" unless they are provided with a separate electrical meter.

B. "Assigned address number" shall mean an address number which has been designated for a site by Detroit Edison prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or by the Village agent after the effective date of this Ordinance.

C. "Private street" shall mean a non-public street which has been approved by the Village in compliance with Village ordinances. Easements and private drives shall not be deemed to be "private streets".

Section 3. APPLICATION. All applicants for building permits for construction of a dwelling or other principal building shall also apply for an address number for the structure. The number shall be issued by the designated agent of the Village as soon as all required information is provided by the applicant.

Section 4. POSTING. Each dwelling or other principal building on a parcel of land within the Village shall post the assigned address number. The number must be visible from the street. Whenever a dwelling or principal building is located more than 100 feet from the center of a public or private street, or is otherwise difficult to see from the street, the owner shall post the address number at the point at which the driveway enters the public or private street.

Section 5. NUMERALS. Each posted address number shall consist of numerals at least three (3) inches in height and of a contrasting color to the attached surface.

Section 6. NEW CONSTRUCTION. Whenever a new dwelling or other principal building is constructed, the address number shall be posted in compliance with this Ordinance at the time construction is commenced. However, if the address number has not been issued prior to commencement of construction, the address number shall be posted within 24 hours after being issued.

Section 7. MULTIPLE ADDRESS NUMBERS. Developments which need individual address numbers for locations within the site shall comply as follows:

A. Mobile Home Parks. The mobile home park shall be assigned a single address number for the public road on which the park is located. Individual home sites within the park shall be designated by that address number plus the lot number of the site. Lots shall be consecutively numbered. Each internal street shall have a continuously maintained sign indicating the range of lot numbers on that street.

B. Multiple Family Dwellings. Each individual building shall receive an address number. Each unit within that building shall receive a number which includes the building address number plus a number indicating the floor and the unit.

C. Multiple Unit Buildings. All other principal buildings containing more than one unit shall receive an address number. The individual unit number shall be determined by the enforcement agency based upon the layout and location of the structure.

Section 8. PRIVATE STREETS. In the event that the dwelling or principal building is located on a private street, there shall also be erected a road sign identifying the name of the private street, in conformity with Village street signage requirements, where the private street enters the public street. The name of the private street shall be reviewed and approved by the designated agency for registry of private street and road names within the County. In the event that a private drive or easement is upgraded to a private street, any existing numbers shall be replaced with address numbers based on the private street location.

Section 9. ELECTRICAL SERVICE. No address number or permit for a dwelling or principal building shall be issued unless an application has been filed with Detroit Edison to acquire access to electrical service. In lieu of a Detroit Edison service application, an applicant may sign a waiver to the effect that electrical service has not been verified.

Section 10. ENFORCEMENT AGENT. The Village Council shall designate a specific entity or official to serve as the agent to administer and enforce this Ordinance. The agent shall establish a fee to defray the administrative cost of issuing address numbers.

Section 11. PENALTY. Any property owner who fails to acquire, post or maintain the posting of an address number shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof, the violator shall be liable for a fine not to exceed $100.00 plus cost of enforcement and prosecution.

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of Almont hereby certifies that this Ordinance was adopted by the Village Council on the 19th day of April, 1994 and was published in the Tri-City Times on the 4th day of May, 1994. This Ordinance will become effective twenty (20) days after said date of publication.

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