

Roscommon Township Ordinance #53
House Number Display

Adopted at a regular meeting June, 1999, effective July 10, 1999

Amended at a regular meeting December 7, 1999 effective January 15, 2000

Including Resolution #2007-3-6c, 6d amendments to Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance #54

PREAMBLE

An ordinance to provide for the establishment, control and regulation of house numbering display within Roscommon Township, to provide for penalties for the violation of this Ordinance and to repeal any Township ordinance or parts of Township ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

The Roscommon Township board has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Roscommon Township would be better served by the establishment of a uniform township-wide house number display system. Such system will enable police agencies, ambulance services, fire services, public utilities, postal service, township officials, and other necessary services to more rapidly identify and locate properties within Roscommon Township.

SECTION I – Name

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “ROSCOMMON TOWNSHIP HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE”.

SECTION II – Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a system within Roscommon Township whereby the addresses of all premises will be identified and to provide rules and guideline to facilitate the enforcement thereof.

SECTION III – Definitions

- A. The term “premises” shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm or corporation, public or private, improved with building, whether occupied or unoccupied.
- B. The term “house number” shall mean the official number assigned that premises by Consumers Energy Company and recognized by the Roscommon County 911 Central Dispatch governing board.
- C. The term “street or road name” shall refer to any official name as recognized by governmental authorities.

SECTION IV – Regulation

- A. No street or road name shall be changed without the approval of the Roscommon Township Board, Roscommon County Road Commission, Consumers Energy Company and the Roscommon County 911 Central Dispatch governing board.
- B. Every premises shall display the distinctive house number assigned to that premises by Consumers Energy Company and recognized by the Roscommon County 911 governing board. The individual digits shall be no less than four (4) inches in height, three (3) inches if reflective material,

in block numbers and shall be in a contrasting color to the background. The house number shall be displayed in one of the following fashions:

1. If the number is displayed on a house, the number shall be placed upon the front of the house in such a position as to be plainly visible to all traffic coming to the premises from either direction.
2. If a house is more than 50 feet from the improved portion of the street or road or is not clearly visible from the street or road, the number shall be displayed on a sign adjacent to the street or road on which the property fronts. Such sign shall be attached to a fence or post at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured by winter snows or snowplowing.

SECTION V – Violation

Failure to display a house number within sixty (60) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, or in the case of new construction, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall be subject to penalties hereinafter provided.

SECTION VI – Saving Clause

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII – Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine (as authorized by Section 21 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, and the Roscommon Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance #54.)

First violation within a 3 year period: \$75

Second violation within a 3 year period: \$150

Third violation within a 3 year period: \$300

Fourth violation within a 3 year period: \$450

In addition to the above prescribed civil fines, cost in the amount of \$20 may be assessed by the bureau if the fine is not paid within 10 days of date of service of the municipal ordinance violation notice.

Each day on which any violation of this Ordinance occurs or continues, constitutes a separate offense subject to separate sanctions

A true complete copy of these ordinances is available at Roscommon Township hall, 8555 Knapp Rd., Houghton Lake, MI 48629