

LYON TOWNSHIP HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY

ORDINANCE NUMBER 47

Preamble

An ordinance to provide for the establishment, control, and regulation of street numbering display within Lyon 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 herein.

The Lyon Township Board has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Lyon Township would be better served by the establishment of a uniform township-wide street 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 Lyon Township.

Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Lyon Township House Number Display Ordinance."

Section 2: Purpose

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

Section 3: 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 buildings, whether occupied or not.
- 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 "interested party" shall refer to the emergency services, owner, occupant, building department, public utilities or any other governmental agency.
- D. The term "street or road name" shall refer to any official name as recognized by government authority. No such named street or road shall be changed without the approval of the Lyon Township Board, Roscommon County Road Commission, The Roscommon County 911 Central Dispatch governing board and Consumers Energy Company.

Section 4 - Regulation

- A. All premises shall bear the distinctive street number assigned to that premises by Consumers Energy Company and recognized by the Roscommon County 911 Central Dispatch governing board.
- B.
- i. All houses shall display upon the front of each dwelling the distinctive street number assigned to that premise. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible to that premise from both directions. These numbers shall be no less than five (5) inches in height.
 - ii. If a dwelling is more than 50 feet from the street or is not clearly visible from the road, every owner of a premise shall place or display adjacent to the road on which the property fronts a sign attached to a fence or post those distinctive street numbers assigned to that premise. These numbers shall be no less than three (3) inches in height and made of reflective material. The sign must be placed at a height to assure it does not become obscured by winter snows or snow plowing.
 - iii. All house numbers shall be in either block or script style letters and shall be in contrasting colors to their backgrounds whether on the dwelling or on a sign at the road.
- C. House numbers placed on a mailbox shall be of a contrasting color to their background, and shall not be less than one (1) inch in height. Block or script style numbers displayed on building fronts shall be of a contrasting color to their background, and shall be no less than five (5) inches in height. Numbers displayed on the street in front of a premise within 50 feet of the street shall be in either block or script style, and be not less than four (4) inches in height.)

Section 4: Violation

Failure to display house numbers within sixty (60) days after the adoption of this ordinance, or in the case of new construction, within thirty (30) days after a letter or certificate of occupancy has been issued, shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject such violator to the penalties hereinafter provided.

Section 5: 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.