

**SAMPSON COUNTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS DISPLAY ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SYSTEMATIC ADDRESS ASSIGNMENT
AND DISPLAY OF ALL PROPERTY ADDRESSES WITHIN SAMPSON COUNTY.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners:

SECTION I. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Sampson County Property Address Display Ordinance.

SECTION II. Purpose

This ordinance is adopted for the purposes of:

1. Implementing a systematic numbering system for all addressable structures within the geographic limits of Sampson County as related to the "911" Emergency Telephone System; and
2. Establishing procedures through which the implementation of Chapter 62A of the North Carolina General Statutes may be carried out; and
3. Establishing procedures through which these purposes can be fulfilled.

SECTION III. Assignment of Property Numbers

Within ninety (90) days after written notice by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners, its agent or authorized contractor, of the assignment of or change of a property address number for any house, building, mobile home park, or condominium complex, the owner or occupant of such property shall be required to post the number(s) so assigned in an approved area on such property in accordance with the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) below. In addition, any owner or occupant of any house, building, or unit which has been previously assigned a number shall comply with subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) no later than ninety (90) days after notification.

a. The minimum height of the number(s) placed on a house building, mobile home lot/site, or unit shall not be less than three (3) inches; however, the building number of an apartment townhouse, or condominium complex shall not be less than six (6) inches high and shall be placed either in the approximate center of the building or on the public street end of the building so that it is clearly visible from either the public or private street by which it is accessed.

b. Numbers shall be displayed in numeric and arabic format, not in script.

c. The house or building numbers, except in case of Mobile Home Park lot/sites, shall be maintained within a three (3) foot perimeter of an entrance whereby they are visible and readable from the street or road on which it fronts. However, in the event a building is not visible for 100 feet from the public street or road on which it fronts or the lot on which the building is located is landscaped in such a manner that said assigned building number shall be posted on the property at or near the property line at a driveway entrance or access to said structure.

d. A sign displaying the property number and/or or street address of a Mobile Home Park shall be erected and displayed at the driveway entrance of the Mobile Home Park. Lots or sites within the Mobile Home Park shall be marked in a uniform manner within the park by placement at or near the individual mobile home a pedestal or post, not less than 3 feet nor greater than 5 feet above ground level, containing the assigned number of the individual mobile home. If an individual mailbox is placed at the mobile home lot/site, the number may be displayed thereon. In the event the mobile home rests on a permanent foundation, the structure may be marked in accordance with paragraph (c) above.

e. The color of the number(s) placed on a structure or pedestal shall be in contrast to the color scheme of the house, building, mobile home or pedestal so that the number is clearly visible and shall be maintained in a clearly visible manner. A certificate of occupancy or a certificate of compliance will not be issued until the assigned number is posted in accordance with this section.

f. Following the posting of the assigned number as required, the owner or occupant shall maintain such house or building number at all times in compliance with the above standards. Building numbers shall not be obstructed from view by shrubs or vegetation as viewed from the public road.

g. The Address Program Administrator will have the right to authorize and approve alternate methods of displaying property numbers which meet the intent of this ordinance when strict adherence to the standards herein set forth cannot reasonable be met.

h. Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor as provided by N. C. G. S. 14-4 and may be punished as provided therein. Each day the violation continues after the offending owner or occupant has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

i. Notice of violation of this ordinance sufficient to allow daily criminal penalties of subsection (h) to be invoked may be given by the Sampson County Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Such notice must be in writing to the owner or occupant of the dwelling or building and set forth what action is necessary in order for the offender to be in compliance.

SECTION IV. Penalties

Any person who fails to comply with the procedures as required by this ordinance shall be subject to a single, non-continuing civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), which may be collected as by law provided.

SECTION V. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon adoption by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF August, 1993.



Kermit D. Williamson

Kermit Williamson, Chairman
SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Jerry H. B.

Clerk