

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF PUTNAM    )

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**ORDINANCE REQUIRING DISPLAY OF E911 ADDRESSES  
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Putnam County has a responsibility to promote the health and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, 55ILCS 5/5-1067 provides the opportunity for the County to regulate the numbering of streets, lanes, roads or highways in the unincorporated area of the county.

WHEREAS, units of local government are required to respond to emergency calls from residents of the county in unincorporated areas for medical, fire and law enforcement assistance; and

WHEREAS, proper posting of E911 address signs by residence of the county would assist emergency services agencies in Putnam County in responding to emergency calls;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County of Putnam, a body politic and corporate, acting by and through its County Board in regular meeting assembled;

SECTION ONE: The owner, in whole or in part, of any real estate, or of any interest in real estate, or the occupant of any real estate, public or private, county and or township located in an unincorporated area of the County of Putnam and located along a roadway or highway, shall display an identification number (numerical portion of assigned 911 address) at the residence or business to allow for the quickest response possible to residences and businesses within Putnam County for the delivery of emergency medical, fire and police services, and the like.

SECTION TWO: Said rural identification number shall be displayed in the following manner: The address number shall be placed on the mailbox, according to United States postal requirements and on a post at the edge of the driveway:

- A. The Putnam County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (PCETSB) shall erect a post positioned on one side of the driveway and attach to said post an identification number sign as follows:
  - i. The sign providing the identification number shall be at least four (4) feet above the ground and not more than eight (8) feet above the ground as measured from the bottom of the post at ground level.
  - ii. Such post shall be placed within twenty (20) feet from the edge of the driveway.
  - iii. If another identification number sign exists on the same side of the road and is within fifty (50) feet of the sign being placed, the new

identification number sign must be placed less than ten (10) feet from the edge of the driveway.

- B. All identification numbers shall be made of a white reflective material. All white reflective numbers shall measure between two and one half (2 ½) inches and three (3) inches in height. Further, said identification numbers shall be displayed on a contrasting green background.
- C. Identification numbers shall prominently display only the identifying numbers. Such identifying numbers shall not include the name or number of the roadway and shall be clearly visible from the roadway.
- D. That the owner or person in charge of said real estate shall keep the posted sign clear of all vegetation, snow or other debris such that the top two feet (2') of the post are visible from the public roadway.
- E. It shall be the duty of the owner or person in charge of said real estate to contact the PCETSB if the posted sign is damaged or unreadable due to weathering. The PCETSB shall issue replacement posts or signs at a cost to the owner or person in charge of the real estate, not to exceed the cost paid by the PCETSB. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or person in charge of the real estate to re-post the sign at its original location. That if the posted sign is damaged, or unreadable due to weathering, the sign does not comply with this ordinance.


SECTION THREE: Any person violating the provisions of Section One or Section Two of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty offense. Any person violating the provisions of Section One or Section Two of this ordinance, for a first offense, shall be fined in an amount not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000. Any person violating the provisions of said sections of this ordinance for any subsequent offense shall be fined in an amount not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

SECTION FOUR: It shall be unlawful for any person, other than local government authorities, police officers, contractors and their employees engaged in a highway construction contract or work on the highway or roadway approved by the local authority, to knowingly damage, possess, remove or otherwise cause not to be visible, any sign, signal, or marker which identifies a roadway or highway in the unincorporated areas of Putnam County.

SECTION FIVE: Any person violating the provisions of Section Four of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty offense. Any person violating the provisions of Section Four of this ordinance, for a first offense, shall be fined in an amount not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00. Any person violating the provisions of Section Four of this ordinance for any subsequent offense shall be fined in an amount not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2004

  
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Duane A. Calbow  
Putnam County Board Chairman

By vote of 4 ayes 0 nays 0 abstain

Attest:

  
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Daniel Kuhn, Putnam County Clerk