

E911 Ordinance



Town of York, Maine

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Prior Dates of Amendment:

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ENACTMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

Date of the vote to amend this Ordinance: May 16, 2015.

Certified by the Town Clerk: Mary Anne Gennaro on June 19, 2015
(signature) (date)

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid location of properties by law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel, and to enhance the efficiency of public and private delivery services (i.e. mail, heating fuel, parcels, etc.) in the Town of York, Maine.

2. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with the Municipal Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A M.R.S.A., Section 3001.

3. ADMINISTRATION

This ordinance shall be administered by the Assessor's Office. The Assessor's Office is authorized to and shall assign names to roads and numbers to properties, both on existing and proposed roads, in accordance with this ordinance. The Assessor's Office shall also be responsible for maintaining official records pertaining to this ordinance.

4. NAMING SYSTEM

All roads that serve two or more properties shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A "road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt thoroughfare. "Property" refers to any property on which a more or less permanent structure has been erected or could be placed. Assignment of a road name shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way. The following criteria shall govern the naming of roads:

- A. No two roads shall be given the same name (e.g. no Brookside Drive and Brookside Lane).
- B. No two roads should have similar sounding names (e.g. Beech Drive and Beach Drive, Beech Drive and Peach Drive, etc.).
- C. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length.
- D. The owner of the road shall post road signs at intersections.

5. NUMBERING SYSTEM

Numbers shall be assigned every 50 (fifty) feet or according to minimum frontage requirements along both sides of the road, with even numbers appearing on the left side of the road and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, ascending from the number origin. The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- A. All number origins shall begin on US Route 1 at the York/Kittery Town Line and proceed outwards from the intersection of the primary road. For dead end roads, numbering shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end. For circles, numbering shall follow the right side of the road. Cul-de-sacs are not considered circles and follow conventional street numbering procedure.
- B. The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the driveway.
- C. Every structure with more than one principle use or occupancy shall have a separate unit number (not character) for each use or occupancy (i.e. 235 Maple Drive, Unit 1, Unit 2, etc.).

6. COMPLIANCE

All owners of structures shall display and maintain the assigned numbers in the following manner:

- A. Number on the Structure or Residence. Where the residence or structure is within 50 (fifty) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on the front of the residence or structure near the front door or entry.

- B. Number at the Street Line. Where the residence or structure is over 50 (fifty) feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post, fence, wall, the mail box or some structure at the property line next to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
 - C. Size and Color of Number. The numbering shall be a minimum of four (4) inches in height and of a color that is a visible contrast to the surface upon which it is mounted.
 - D. Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number that might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance.
 - E. Interior location. All residents and other occupants are requested to post the assigned number and road name to their telephone for emergency reference.
 - F. Compliance Deadline. Compliance shall be required within 30 days of either the effective date or receipt of notification from the Town regarding structure numbering.
- 7. NEW CONSTRUCTION**
Whenever any residence or other principal structure is built, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain an assigned number from the Town prior to occupancy of the building.
- 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**
This ordinance shall become effective as of November 6, 2001.
- 9. ENFORCEMENT**
This ordinance shall be the responsibility of the York Police Department to enforce.
- 10. VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES**
Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offence and \$100.00 for the third and subsequent offenses.
- 11. WAIVER/PAYMENT OF FINES**
Any person charged with a violation of this section, shall be allowed to waive such violation and tender to the Town of York the fine amount if paid within 20 days of issuance of the summons. If the waiver fine is paid, no appearance before a District Court Judge or other judicial officer shall be required. If the offender pays the waiver fine, the matter will be closed in the York Police Records system and listed as a subsequent offense for future violations.
- If the offender chooses not to pay the waiver fine, he/she shall appear in court on the specified date to answer for the ordinance violation. If the offender is found to have committed the offense in court, fines, applicable court fees, attorney's fees, and prosecution costs may apply.