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6.01 REGULATION OF ROAD NAMING AND BUILDING NUMBERING.

- (1) Authority. This section is created pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.07(64), 59.07(65) and 236.45, Wis. Stats.
- (2) Jurisdiction. The County Board of Supervisors shall have jurisdiction over rural road naming and building numbering in all unincorporated areas of the County.
- (3) Administration. The rural road naming and building numbering system established by this section shall be administered by the County Surveyor with the advice and counsel of the County Board of Supervisors' Planning and Zoning Committee. The system herein established shall be erected, developed and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

6.02 ROAD NAMING.

A uniform system of numbers for all public roads in unincorporated areas is established as follows:

- (1) All roads and streets running easterly and westerly shall be designated as streets with the Kenosha-Racine County line road numbered as First Street, each succeeding street or road south of First Street shall be Second Street, etc., with the designation "Place" to be used wherever necessary and desirable. The streets and places shall be numbered south to the Wisconsin-Illinois state line, and are to be integrated with the City of Kenosha numbering system.
- (2) All roads and streets running northerly and southerly shall be designated avenues with the First Avenue to be the first through street more or less just west of the shore of Lake Michigan and each succeeding street west of First Avenue to be designated as Second Avenue, Third Avenue, etc., with designation "Court" to be used wherever necessary and desirable. The avenues and courts shall be numbered west to the Kenosha County-Walworth County line and are to be integrated with the City of Kenosha numbering system.
- (3) All roads and streets remaining, not running in a northerly, southerly, easterly or westerly direction, but on a northwesterly, northeasterly, southwesterly, southeasterly direction may be named by the county surveyor, after consultation with and the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee, as other than streets and places and avenues and courts.
- (4) As new roads and streets are dedicated, the county surveyor shall assign street numbers for roads and streets running easterly and westerly and for streets and roads running northerly and southerly. Before the County Board Planning and Zoning Committee approves any new plats pursuant to the provisions of the Subdivision Control Ordinance, the plats will be referred to the county surveyor for the assignment of street names.
- (5) The initial cost of erecting and developing street signs on newly dedicated roads and streets shall be borne by the developer and the County Planning and Zoning Committee shall require a developer to post a surety bond or other approved means of security with the County Highway Department to cover the cost of procuring and erecting the appropriate street signs before granting approval to any plat.

- (6) Once the signs are erected, the maintenance of the signs will be the responsibility of the County and the actual maintenance of all new signs and any existing signs will be carried out by the County Highway Department under the direction of the County Highway Commissioner.
- (7) If any township accepts the dedication of any road or street without first referring the matter to the county surveyor and the County Planning and Zoning Committee to have the road or street named, the county will not assume the responsibility of maintaining any signs that are subsequently erected unless otherwise specifically agreed.

6.03 ROAD NAME SIGNS.

- (1) General Requirements. Road name signs may be erected at the intersections of all public roads within the scope of this ordinance showing the names of all roads in accordance with the official road naming map. All intersection signs shall be a four-way sign, unless a multiple intersection requires a larger sign. (4/11/89)
- (2) Specifications. The type of lettering, composition, material, color, mounting posts, and accessories shall be determined by the Kenosha County Highway Department in accordance with the standards established pursuant to section 349.065, Wisconsin Statutes. The Kenosha County Highway Department shall be responsible for procuring all materials necessary to assemble the complete road name signs. (4/11/89)
- (3) Procurement. The county highway commissioner shall be the exclusive purchaser for all signs erected pursuant to the terms of this ordinance and the county highway department shall be the exclusive installer, subject to budget limitations and manpower. The fees established for the cost and erection of any signs by the county highway department shall be set by the county highway commissioner with the approval of the county highway committee. The amount of the fee shall reflect the actual cost of procurement and installation and shall be subject to annual review. (4/11/89)
- (4) Restrictions. No other signs except those specified above shall be erected or used under the road naming plan established by this chapter.

6.04 BUILDING NUMBERING.

- (1) A uniform system of building numbering for all residences (year-round or seasonal), places of business, farms and public buildings in the unincorporated areas of the County is hereby established.
- (2) The numbering designation shall be as follows:
 - (a) On all streets and roads which run in a generally northerly and southerly direction, the numbers on the west side of such streets and roads, shall end with an even number. The numbers on the east side of such streets and roads shall end with odd numbers.
 - (b) On all streets and roads which run in a generally easterly and westerly direction, the numbers on the north side of such streets shall end with an even number. The numbers on the south side of such streets shall end with an odd number.
 - (c) The numbers on all roads or streets shall be multiples of the lowest numbered street and shall not exceed the next full

number. Example: the building numbers between First Street and Second Street or Avenue must be 100-101-102-103-104, etc., but may not be more than 199.

6.05 BUILDING NUMBERING SIGNS.

- (1) General Requirements. Building numbering signs shall consist of a plate of identical numbers with the numbers being not less than 3 inches high, mounted so as to be horizontal to the streets or road abutting. The signs may be attached to a building when that building is within 100 feet of the road right-of-way. In all other instances, the signs shall be mounted on posts set at the right-of-way line of the road at a point not more than three feet to the right or left of the private driveway or walkway leading from the road to the building or property. The signs shall be far enough above the ground to be readily visible. As new buildings are constructed, the county surveyor shall assign numbers prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- (2) Restrictions. No other signs except those specified above shall be erected or used under the building numbering plan established by this chapter.

6.06 DAMAGE TO SIGNS.

- (1) No person shall willfully disturb, remove, deface or damage any sign erected or maintained under the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) Any person violating this chapter shall forfeit not more than \$200 or, in default of payment, be confined to the county jail for not more than 6 months, or until such forfeiture is paid and in addition to penalties imposed by statutes.
- (3) Any person who accidentally causes any of the damage described in sub. (1) shall immediately report the same to the county sheriff's office or the county highway department.
- (4) Willful failure to so report such damage shall be a violation of this chapter and such person shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100, or in default of payment, be confined to the county jail for not more than 30 days or until such forfeiture is paid.