

ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STROUD, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A COORDINATED AND UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR 911 (EMERGENCY) STREET AND ADDRESS MARKER REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS; AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PRESCRIBE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 1506 of the Second class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, No. 69, as amended by the Act of November 9, 1995, P.L. 350, No. 60, found at 53 P.L. 66506, entitled "general powers", authorizes the Board of Supervisors to make and adopt ordinances necessary for the proper management, care and control of the township, and the maintenance of the health and welfare of the township and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 1520 of the said Second Class Township Code, found at 53 P.S. 66520, entitled "Numbering of buildings", authorizes the Board of Supervisors to require and regulate the numbering of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Section 2329 of the said Second Class Township Code, found at 53 P.S. 67329, entitled "Naming of Streets", authorizes the Board of Supervisors to provide for and regulate the naming of streets, roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to enhance public safety and security by improving the ability of emergency response personnel to navigate and locate dwellings and other structures in the Township, and to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township as hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

Section 1 – Short title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Stroud Township E-911 Street and Address Marker Ordinance."

Section 2 – Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), as reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L. 350, No. 60), as amended.

Section 3 – Purpose and intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance public safety and security, and to generally protect the public health, safety and welfare by improving the ability of emergency response personnel to navigate and locate dwellings and other structures in the Township, and to enhance the convenience of the general public. This ordinance:

- A. Provides the authority to the Township Board of Supervisors to assign street names to all public and private streets in the Township to eliminate duplicates and prevent confusion within Township.
- B. Requires conformance to the street addressing system established by Monroe County for 911 emergency call system; and

- C. Establishes a uniform system for street names and address markers.

Section 4 – Street names.

- A. Street names required. All public and private streets, driveways and access streets in the Township which serve two (2) or more principal structures shall be named and posted with a street name sign in accordance with this ordinance.
- B. Street name assignment. The Board of Supervisors shall have the sole authority to assign names to all public and private streets, driveways and access streets in the Township and to change such names if deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of this ordinance. In the case of new subdivisions and land developments, the street names shall be included on the plans required by the Township for review.
- C. Street name duplication. No street name sign shall be posed on any public or private street, driveway or access street unless the Township has approved such name in order to avoid duplication of names.

Section 5 – Streets addressed. All street addresses in the Township shall conform to the street addressing system established by Monroe County for the 911 emergency call system, and all occupied structures shall have address marker(s) conforming to the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 6 – Designation of Street names and signs.

- A. For purposes of this chapter, the term “roadway” shall mean any and all public and/or private roads, streets, lanes, drives, avenues, easements and/or other similar rights-of-way used for vehicular traffic.
- B. All roadways within Stroud Township, whether publicly dedicated and publicly maintained, publicly dedicated and privately maintained, or private and privately maintained, having two or more habitable structures or residences located adjacent thereto, either at the time of the signing of this ordinance or any time in the future, including but not limited to all existing and future mobile home parks, shall apply for and/or be assigned by the Township a designated roadway name that shall be placed on the Township’s Official Map, if said map exists, and used to identify the roadway on an approved roadway sign. Assignment of roadway names shall be in conformity with Stroud Township ordinances.
 - 1. Any such designation of a privately maintained roadway shall not impose any obligation or liability upon the Township for the maintenance, inspection or improvement of said roadway.

Section 7 – Street signs required; design and placement specifications.

- A. Initial street sign installation for township roads and for private roadways where private roadways intersect with a township roadway shall be by Stroud Township. Street sign installation for private roadways not intersection with a township

roadway and private roadways owned or maintained by a property owners' association shall be the responsibility of the private roadway owner and/or property owners' association, as applicable.

- B. All roadways within Stroud Township, both public and private, shall be properly marked with roadway signs in a manner and form acceptable to the Township, and said signs shall comply with the following specifications:
1. The sign pole on which the sign is mounted shall be made of a material and installed in a manner approved by the Township and shall meet the approved current Township and/or Pennsylvania Department of Transportation standards and specifications for street and/or road signs as set forth within the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as amended (MUTCD).
 2. The text of the sign shall be six (6 in.) inches in height, with a capital letters complying with the applicable MUTCD standards adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and spaced in a manner so it is identifiable and readable from both sides of the roadway. The sign face shall be eight (8 in.) inches in height exclusive of the border, if any.
 3. The text shall be in reflective white letters and/or numbers in accordance with the minimum retro reflectivity requirements of MUTCD, as amended.
 4. The background of the sign shall be dark green so that the reflective white text of the sign is more visible in accordance with MUTCD, as amended.
 5. The sign shall be located on a ten-foot (10 ft.) tall pole in compliance with applicable standards.
 6. The signs shall be mounted at each roadway intersection in accordance with MUTCD, as amended.
 7. Signs naming the roadways at the intersection shall be installed with their faces parallel to the roadways they name.
 8. The sign shall be retro reflective or illuminated to show the same shape and color both day and night.

Section 8 – Time limit for repair of private roadway signs. If a private roadway sign is knocked down and/or removed and/or otherwise covered by an unforeseen occurrence, the owner and/or maintainer of the private roadway shall repair and/or reinstall the roadway sign within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence.

Section 9 – Time limit for installing roadway signs. All persons and entities required to install roadway signs, as set forth herein, shall install said signs for existing roadways, both public and private, on or before October 31, 2012. The owners of any roadway to be constructed after the adoption date of this ordinance shall procure the official roadway name assignment from the Township and shall complete the requisite sign installation within thirty (30) days after completion of the roadway.

Section 10 – Public street name changes.

The following public street names are hereby changed as follows:

New Street Name

Abbey Road
Anona Road
Arlington Avenue
Atwood Lane
Bangor Mtn. Road
Bee Balm Road
Butterfield Circle
Butterfly Lane
Canterbury Main
Chickadee Court
Christopher Street
Christopher Street
Clause Drive
Columbus Avenue
Conwell Street
Conwell Street
Cranberry Heights Drive
Creek Drive
Elderberry Court
Emery Wheel Road
Estate Drive
Farmer Bush Road
Foxtown Hill Road
Gardner Way
Glenbrook Road
Goldenrod Road
Greenbriar Road
High Terrace Road
Howell Terrace
Irish Lane
Jack Pine Drive
James Court
Jamie Court
Lamp Post Lane
Lancelot Drive
Laural Street
Leafy Greene Street
Longwoods Drive
Lupine Avenue
Manorfield Lane
Mervine Road
Mill Creek Road
Mt. Zion Avenue
Mt. Zion Avenue
Mt. Zion Avenue
Mt. Zion Avenue
N. 9th Street
Nature View Road.
Orien Lane

Former Street Name

Dogwood Road (off Beech St.)
Reishes Road West
Tanite Road
Ann Lane
Rt. 191 (Boro S. to Twp. line)
Pine Park
Mtn. View Drive
Walnut Lane
Canterbury Drive
Canterbury Court
Louise Avenue
Hillside Drive
Hill Street
Park Street
King Street
Chestnut Street
Park Lane
River Road
Cranberry Court S.
Helen Drive
Canterberry Circle
Bush Drive
Rt. 611 (Boro S. to Twp. line)
Coco Court
Longwoods Road
Meadow Run
Fenner Lane
Brislin Road
Chipperfield Terrace
Lee Lane
Ginger Drive
Park Court (Off Cranberry Rd.)
Maple Street (off Pokona Ave.)
Bridle Road (off Shafers S. Rd.)
Portion named Camelot
Hillside Drive
Greene Street
Long Woods Drive
Pine Avenue
Orefield Lane
Mervine Lane
Stokes Avenue
Wood Duck Road
Grandview Drive
Berrybush Lane
Part of Marshall Drive
Rt. 611 (Boro N. to Twp. line)
Linwood Drive
Reish Lane

New Street Name

Owls Nest Road
Paradise Trail
Parker Lane
Pocahontas Road
Powerhouse Lane
Rabbit Foot Road
Reish Road
Ridge View Road
Rural Court
Sand Pine Court
School View Lane
Skinner Hill Road
Skinner Hill Road
Skinner Hill Road
Sky Pine Way
Tannery Row
Tara View Drive
Thornley Road
Toby Court
Travelers Way
Turmac Court
Valley View Drive N.
Vanvliet Road
Wallace Street
Waltz Street
Weiss Farm Road
West Main Street
Wisteria Court

Former Street Name

Spruce Park Road
Rt. 447 Analomink Road
Park Lane (off Cranberry Rd.)
Pocohontas Road
Serfass Lane
Cindy Lane
Reishes Road W.
Ridge Road
Rustic Court
Pine Court
Clearview Lane
Oak Ridge Drive
Pioneer Lane
Werkheiser Lane
Brown Road
Declaration Court
Valley View Drive
Woods Road
Young Woods Circle
Frantz Road (Rt 611 to Windsor)
Mac Court
Blue Ridge Drive
Linden Lane
Ramapo Lane
Ehler Street (off White St.)
Cranberry Court N.
Business Route 209
Willow Pond Court

Section 11 – Address marker required. It shall be the duty of each and every owner, trustee, lessee, agent, occupant and possessor of each and every house, building, or other principal structure located in Stroud Township, whether on a public or private roadway, to cause the house, building or other principal structure to be numbered by an address marker with the official number assigned for that property by Monroe County for the 911 emergency call system. The address marker shall be affixed to the house, building or other principal structure or shall be installed on an approved post or mounting device at the intersection of the driveway and the roadway right-of-way as required by this ordinance. The address marker shall be permanently posted and affixed as set forth herein. All persons required to number houses, buildings, or other principal structures shall display the address marker with the official number assigned for that property by Monroe County as notified by the United States Postal Service, or by an authorized official of Stroud Township, in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 12 – Placement and types of address markers.

- A. The address marker shall be placed at the following locations on the subject property:
 - 1) For all houses, buildings or other principal structures one hundred (100) feet or less from the edge of the roadway and which address marker can

be clearly seen from the roadway, the address marker shall be conspicuously placed: 1) on the house, building or principal structure on or over the front door, the front transom bar, the front transom glass, or on the front show window, or over or on either side of the front entrance, or on the exterior wall facing the roadway in accordance with the requisite entrance, or on the exterior wall facing the roadway in accordance with the requisite building codes; or 2) on an approved post, mount, or other similar mounting device located on the subject property where the driveway intersects the Township and/or state and/or private roadway right-of-way.

- 2) For all houses, buildings or other principal structures greater than one hundred (100) feet from the edge of the roadway, the address marker shall be placed on a clearly visible and approved post, mount, or other similar mounting device located on the subject property where the driveway intersects the Township, state or private roadway right-of-way, as applicable.
- 3) For all houses, buildings or other principal structures one hundred (100) feet or less from the edge of the roadway and from which an address marker cannot be clearly seen from the roadway due to topography, vegetation and/or other reason, the address marker shall be placed on a clearly visible and approved post, mount, or other similar mounting device located on the subject property where the driveway intersects the Township, state or private roadway right-of-way, as applicable.

B. Address markers shall be of paint, metal, enamel, or vinyl. The color of the address marker numerals shall be reflective white. Address markers shall be positioned such that snow, leaver, tree branches, or other such impediments shall not impair the visibility required by this ordinance. The address marker identifying the house, building or other principal structure shall also comply with the following regulations:

1. The size of the address marker shall be a minimum of six (6) inches by eighteen (18) inches.
2. The numbers shall be depicted in Arabic numerals at least three (3) inches in height and spaced in a manner so that the reader can easily read the numbers.
3. The numbers may be displayed either horizontally or vertically as set forth below:
 - a. Horizontal display. The numbers may be positioned horizontally and shall correctly read from left to right.
 - b. Vertically display. The numbers may be positioned vertically and shall correctly read from top to bottom.
4. The numbers shall be in reflective white numerals and shall be visible from both directions on the roadway.

5. Address markers for grouped dwellings and non-residential facilities:
 - a. Apartments, townhouses, shopping centers or other similar groupings where only one address number is assigned, or where the development is assigned an address number and individual units within the development are assigned address numbers, shall display such assigned development address number on an address marker at the main entrance location sign to the development in accordance with Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. Numbers for individual units or establishments within the complex shall be displayed on, above or to the side of the main doorway of each unit or establishment as described herein.
6. Background.
 - a. The background of the address marker located on the house, building or other principal structure shall contrast with the reflective white numerals so that the reflective white numbers are clearly visible.
 - b. The background of the address marker placed on a post, mount or other similar mounting device shall be reflective dark green in color so that the reflective white numbers are clearly visible.
7. Unless otherwise approved by the Township, the address marker installed on an approved post mount or similar mounting device shall be mounted on one of the following configurations:
 - a. Be mounted on a stand-alone post or pole, or
 - b. Be mounted on a mailbox or mailbox post only if the mailbox is located on the same side of the street as the driveway entrance to the structure identified by the address marker and only if the mailbox is located at the intersection of the street and the driveway; or
 - c. Be mounted on any other type or kind of approved mounting device or structure in a manner approved by the Township. Utility poles are not acceptable mounting devices.
 - d. Be mounted horizontally or vertically, and
 - e. Contain the number of the address and no other information, and
 - f. Be located so that the bottom of the address marker is no lower than three (3) feet from grade level and the top of the address marker is no higher than eight (8) feet above grade level.

8. The address marker shall be easily visible by emergency responders as they approach the subject property from either direction on the roadway.
9. If the address marker is removed or if the post or mounting device is knocked down or removed or otherwise covered by an unforeseen occurrence, the owner of the subject property shall repair and/or reinstall the address marker within fifteen (15) days of such occurrence.

Section 13 – Covering of address marker prohibited. It shall be unlawful to cover any address marker with any other sign, drapery or other obstruction tending to conceal such address marker, and all inaccurate, obsolete or nonconforming building numbers shall be removed from any property, house, building or other principal structure when a new number has been assigned by Monroe county or when so directed by the Stroud Township Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer or other authorized Township representative.

Section 14 – Time limit for address markers. All persons and entities required to install address markers as set forth herein shall install the requisite address markers for existing houses, buildings, or principal structures on or before October 31, 2012. The owners of new structures constructed after the adoption date of this ordinance shall procure the requisite address markers as part of the building permit process and shall install their County-assigned building number on the required address marker(s) within thirty (30) days after completion of the structure.

Section 15 – Enforcement

- A. Enforcement. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer or such other officials as may be designated by the Board of Supervisors.
- B. Address markers and Township permits. No zoning occupancy permit or other Township permit shall be issued for any existing structure until the required address marker(s) has been installed on the property in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 16 – Implementation.

- A. All street name signs placed, replaced, modified or maintained after the effective date of this ordinance shall conform to the requirements of this ordinance.
- B. All new address markers shall be installed in compliance with this ordinance on or before October 31, 2012 and all non-conforming address signs shall be brought into compliance on or before October 31, 2012.
- C. The Board of Supervisors may grant a modification of one or more requirements of this ordinance if literal compliance will result in undue hardship, or if a property owner establishes to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that an alternative proposal will allow for equal or better results, provided that such modification will not be contrary to the public interest and fulfills the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

Section 17 – Violation, penalties and remedies.

- A. No person shall violate any portion of this Ordinance.
- B. Prosecution under this Ordinance shall be instituted by the Township Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer, or any other township or law enforcement official authorized by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be filed in the name of Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
- C. Enforcement shall be by an action brought before a Magisterial District Judge in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. The township solicitor may assume charge of the prosecution without the consent of the District Attorney as required under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure No. 454(c) (relating to trial in summary cases).
- D. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof by a Magisterial District Judge, be guilty of a summary offense, and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, together with costs, for the first violation, not less than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, together with costs, for the second, and up to one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, together with costs, for subsequent violations. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. In default in the payment of any fine imposed hereunder, the defendant shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.
- E. All fines and penalties collected for any violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the township treasurer.
- F. In addition to or in lieu of an enforcement action before a Magisterial District Judge, the township may enforce this ordinance in equity. In addition to fines and penalties prescribed in Section 17 (D) above, in the event an abatement notice has been issued, which is being violated, or in any other appropriate circumstance any township official is hereby authorized on behalf of the township to institute an action in equity for an injunction to enforce compliance herewith and/or to restrain continuous violations of this Ordinance, and shall recover from the violator(s) reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other costs incurred by the Township in enforcing this ordinance.

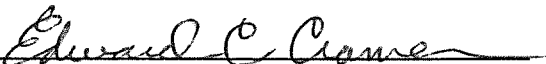
Section 18 – Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any sentence, or section is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provisions had not been included herein.

Section 19 – Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 20 – Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after the date of its enactment.


ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an ordinance at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Stroud Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, this 17th day of July, 2012.

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD


EDWARD C. CRAMER, Chairman
And Treasurer

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)


DARYL A. EPPLEY, Vice Chairman
And Secretary


JAMES L. DECKER, Supervisor
And Roadmaster