



Town of Turner, Maine

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TOWN OF TURNER MAINE ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

ADOPTED APRIL 13, 1996

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to enhance the easy and radio location of properties by law enforcement, fire, rescue and emergency medical services personnel in the Town of Turner.

SECTION 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 MRSA Section 3001.

SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATION

This Ordinance shall be administered by the Planning Board, which is authorized to and shall assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads, in accordance with the criteria in Sections 4 and 5. The Planning Board shall also be responsible for maintaining the following official records of this Ordinance to include:

- a. A map of Turner showing road names and the numbering systems.
- b. An alphabetical list of all owners of record of all property showing their assigned numbers.
- c. An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

SECTION 4 - NAMING SYSTEM

All roads that serve two or more properties shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. "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. A road name assigned by the Town of Turner shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way.

The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- a. No two roads shall be given the same name (e.g., no Pine Road and Pine Lane).
- b. No two roads should have similar-sounding names (e.g., Beech, Beach).

c. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length.

SECTION 5 - NUMBERING SYSTEM

Numbers shall be assigned every fifty feet 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, determined by the number origin.

The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- a. All number origins shall begin from Route 4, (Auburn Road), for roads in an East/West orientation and from the Auburn/Minot town line for roads in a North/South orientation except for dead end roads. The numbering of which shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end.
- b. The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the front door. If the front door cannot be seen from the main road, the number shall be that of the interval falling closest to the driveway for said structure.
- c. Every structure with more than one principle use or occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy. (i.e. duplexes will have two separate numbers; apartments will have one road number with an apartment number, such as 235 Maple Street, Apt. 2).

SECTION 6 - COMPLIANCE

All owners of structures shall, by the date stipulated in Section 8, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said structure, the assigned numbers in the following manner:

- a. **NUMBER ON THE STRUCTURE OR RESIDENCE:** Where the residence or structure is within 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 fifty feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post, fence, wall, mail box, or on some other structure at the property line next to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
- c. **SIZE AND COLOR OR NUMBER:** Numbers shall be located to be visible from the road and shall be a minimum of four inches tall and should be in a color contrasting to the color of the structure or object to which it is attached.
- d. Every person whose duty it is to display an 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 next to their telephone for emergency reference.

SECTION 7 - NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SUBDIVISIONS

All new construction and subdivisions shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and as follows:

- a. NEW CONSTRUCTION: Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed, placed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain an assigned number from the Planning Board's designated agent. This shall be done at the time of the issuance of the building permit.
- b. NEW SUBDIVISIONS: An applicant for subdivision approval shall show a proposed road name and lot numbering system as required in Section 5 on the pre-application sketch plan submission to the Planning Board. On the final plan showing proposed roads, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in the center of the streets at intervals of every 50 (fifty) feet beginning at the intersection with the existing street to aid in assignment of numbers to structures subsequently constructed.

SECTION 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as of April 1996 and it shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this ordinance including the posting of property numbers within thirty days following notification. On new structures, numbering is to be installed before final inspection or when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.

SECTION 9 - POSTING

The Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town of Turner may post or cause to be posted in the right of way of any roads or on public property the numbers of property on publicly owned objects as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be appropriate to assist emergency personnel and individuals to find property. Removal or destruction of property numbers posted by the Town shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 for each offense.

SECTION 10 - ENFORCEMENT

- a. it shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
- b. Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with Title 30-A Section 4452.