

DICKINSON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 93-3

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "UNIFORM RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM ORDINANCE"

BE IN ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DICKINSON COUNTY, IOWA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Purpose. This ordinance mandates the use of a uniform rural address system for the residents of Dickinson County in order to promote the convenience, safety and general welfare of those residents.

SECTION 2.

Definitions. For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.
2. "Building" shall mean anything constructed, erected or built, the use of which requires a location on the ground and designed for the support, enclosure, shelter or protection of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind. The connection of two (2) buildings by means of an open porch, breezeway, passageway, carport or other such open structures, with or without a roof, shall make them one (1) building. Such structures attached to the principal building shall be deemed a part of the principal building.
3. "Principal building" shall mean a nonaccessory building in which a principal use of the lot, on which it is located, is conducted.
4. "Accessory building" shall mean a building located on the same lot with a principal building and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building.
5. "Lot" shall mean a parcel of land under one ownership on which a principal building and its accessories are, or may be, placed together with the required open spaces, having its frontage upon one or more streets.
6. "Street" shall mean land intended for vehicular traffic to and from a lots and which has right of use by more than one lot owner.
7. "Street marker" shall mean signs or markers placed to indicate the number or name of the various streets as assigned within the system.
8. "Address marker" shall mean the numbers affixed to a principal building indicating the address of the lot as assigned within the system.
9. "System" shall mean the Uniform Rural Address System.
10. "House grid work" shall mean the house numbering scheme used in the uniform rural address system.
11. "Map" shall mean the map currently approved by the Dickinson County E911 Service Board.
12. "Engineer" shall mean the Dickinson County Engineer
13. "Administrator" shall mean the person or entity appointed by the Board to administer the system.
14. "Board" shall mean the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors.
15. "Coordinator" shall mean the individual, firm, corporation or other entity that has the responsibility of the entire 911 system.

SECTION 3.

Establishment by Resolution. The Board may, by resolution, establish rules for the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.

Extent of System. The uniform rural address system shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of Dickinson County. However, unincorporated areas with an existing system, may, at the discretion of the Board and Coordinator, maintain the existing system. The Board may, by resolution, accept any incorporated areas with the county into the system provided the governing body of such incorporated area has enacted an ordinance adopting the provisions of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 5.

Implementation of System. The administrator shall cause or determine the following has been accomplished:

1. Distribution of maps to all emergency providers, dispatchers, county offices, the United States Post Office, and make maps available to rural residents and the general public.
2. Notification of affected post offices, emergency providers, dispatchers, county offices and all providers and offices located in adjacent counties affected by the implementation of the system of the effective date of the system and the address assignments.
3. Notification of all residents affected by the system stating:
 - a. The date the system will take effect.
 - b. The date the post office and county offices will begin using the system.
 - c. The location and time when the address markers can be obtained.
 - d. The date the address markers shall be in place
 - e. How the address markers are to be placed.
 - f. An explanation of the requirements of the system and how to use it.
4. Distribution of the address markers.

SECTION 6.

Address Markers. Dickinson County shall furnish permanent address markers to every person owning, controlling, occupying or using any principal building within the system. Every person owning, controlling, occupying or using any principal building within the system shall cause the address marker to be placed upon the principal building in the manner and by the time specified by the administrator, so that it is clearly visible from the addressed street. On principal buildings located away from the addressed street so that placement of the address marker upon the building will not allow it to be clearly visible, then the address marker shall be placed on an approved address marker post and placed on the lot upon which the principal building occupies, as directed by the Administrator, so that it is clearly visible from the addressed street.

Any address marker existing on the principal building at the time provisions of the ordinance take effect, and that are not in conformity hereto, shall be removed and replaced by a conforming address marker. Any address marker which becomes damaged or destroyed shall be replaced by a like address marker.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to accessory buildings, except at the request of the owner or person in control of the accessory building and with the consent of the Administrator, if the accessory building is located on a lot separate from the applicable principal building.

SECTION 7.

New Structures. Every person erecting a principal building after the effective date of the system shall, within seven (7) days of the commencement of construction of the building, notify the administrator of same. The administrator shall, within fourteen (14) days of said notification, assign an address number to the building. The owner of the building, at his own expense, shall cause an address marker to be affixed to the building or an approved address marker post placed, in conformity with this ordinance, as soon as the construction allows.

SECTION 8.

Maintenance of System. The administrator shall continue maintenance of the system. This shall include, but not be limited to, assigning all new address numbers, providing address markers, providing replacement markers, and in conjunction with the engineer replacing street markers as needed. The administrator and engineer shall make periodic inspections of the rural areas of the county to insure that the provisions of this ordinance are being complied with.

A fee for replacement address markers and address markers for new buildings shall be paid to Dickinson County for persons requiring same. The fee shall be no more than required to cover the cost of the address marker purchased.

SECTION 9.

Penalty. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally refuse to place or replace an address marker, as required by this ordinance, or to intentionally remove, damage, deface, alter or destroy any address or street marker, except to replace an address marker which has been unintentionally damaged altered or destroyed or to remove an address marker from a building which is being destroyed or removed or which is no longer a principal building.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of no more than \$100.00 or imprisonment in the county jail for no more than thirty (30) days for each offense. Each day a violation is permitted to exist constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 10.

Enforcement. The administrator shall enforce this ordinance.

SECTION 11.

Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12.

Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 13.

When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage, approval, publication or posting as required by Law.

Passed by the Dickinson County, Iowa Board of Supervisors on the 23rd day of November, 1993, and approved this 23rd day of November, 1993.

Dickinson County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

By: Wayne Horkay
Chairman

Attest:

Nancy Beirner
Auditor