

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE # 244

AN ORDINANCE OF CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP REQUIRING
THE CONSPICUOUS NUMBERING OF HOMES
AND BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township finds that the police officers, emergency medical services personnel and fire services personnel have had difficulty locating addresses of home and buildings on Township streets and roads due to lack of lot and building identification numbers; and WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a system of numbering all lots on which there is a dwelling unit or a building so that police officers, EMS personnel, and fire services personnel can locate addresses in emergency situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township as follows:

SECTION I: SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance should be know and may be cited as the "Conewago Township House and Building Numbering Ordinance".

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

A. "Owner".- The term "owner" of property shall include the following: - legal owner - equitable owner - lessee or tenant - occupant - trustee in possession.

B. "Dwelling Unit": - A building or portion of a building designed and used exclusively for residential occupancy.

C. "Business": - A building or portion of a building designed and occupied by a non-residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental or other non-residential use.

SECTION III: REQUIREMENT OF NUMBERING

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of each owner of property to cause each lot or parcel, and each dwelling unity and each business upon each lot or parcel, to be numbered in accordance with this Ordinance within three (3) months of the date hereof.

SECTION IV: RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNING ADDRESS NUMBERS

The township office shall be responsible for assigning numbers to dwelling units and businesses and each occupied lot or parcel. Any owner of property on which there exists a dwelling unit or business which does not presently have a number assigned to it shall contact the township office for assignment of a number.

SECTION V: POWER TO CHANGE NUMBERS

The township office shall have the power and authority to change numbers for the purpose of the orderly numbering of addresses. The township shall change the number of a dwelling unit or business by sending a notice of the new number assigned by certified mail, by personal service, or by posting the notice on the property. The owner of property receiving such notice shall cause the numbers to be changed within thirty (30) days of receipt or posting of such notice.

SECTION VI: STYLE AND SIZE OF NUMBERS

The numbers shall be Arabic numbers, of a uniform size, and shall be of durable materials. Each digit or letter shall be at least four (4) inches in height. The color shall contrast with the immediate background so as to be easily readable. Numbers and or background shall be of a reflective material or shall be illuminated by direct or indirect light.

SECTION VII: LOCATION AND PLACEMENT OF NUMBERS

Numbers shall be located and placed so as to clearly identify the structure containing each dwelling unit or business in accordance with the following regulations:

A. The numbers shall be placed in a conspicuous place so as to clearly identify the location of the dwelling unit or business. Said numbers shall be placed not less than thirty-six (36) inches above ground level or more than ten (10) feet from the edge of a public roadway.

B. The placement of the numbers must be such that the numbers can be seen and read from both directional lanes of travel of the public street, and from the opposite side of said public street.

C. The number may be placed upon the structure containing the dwelling unit or business or upon the mailbox or upon a fence, wall, post, rod, or other type of fixture of substantial nature such that the number shall clearly indicate the location of the dwelling unit or business in accordance with the requirements of this section. The number must be located on the same side of the public street as the dwelling unit or business.

D. Dwelling units or businesses located on private lanes, roads, drives or streets shall place required numbers at entrance from public street as per above requirements. (This shall not apply to private street that have been named and a number assigned by the township office.)

SECTION VIII: CONCEALMENT OR CONFUSION

It shall be unlawful to cover or conceal, or to permit the sight obstruction of the numbers required to be displayed by this Ordinance. It shall further be unlawful to post other numbers which would be confusing. All old numbers shall be removed when a new number has been assigned by the township office in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION IX: PENALTIES

Any person who shall violate or permit the violation of the Ordinance shall upon being found liable therefore in a civil proceeding commenced by the Township, pay a civil penalty of not less than One Hundred and no/100 (\$100.00) Dollars and not more than Six Hundred and no/100 (\$600.00) Dollars plus all court costs, including reasonable attorneys fees, incurred by the Township. Each day that a violation shall continue shall be deemed and shall be taken to be a separate offense and shall be subject to an addition civil penalty.

SECTION X: ENFORCEMENT

The Township Zoning Officer, Township Manager, or other designated Township official, shall be and is hereby charged with the authority of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION XI: REPEALER

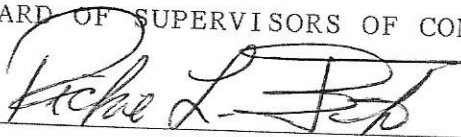
All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION XII: SEVERABILITY

If any section or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township this 3rd. day of March, 1997.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 

SECRETARY