

Sec. 4-23-33 Purpose:

The purpose of this Article is to require the clear display of the proper assigned house or building numbers. It is to assist emergency services and the general public identifying any property in the case of an emergency and will support the enhanced 911 systems.

Sec. 4-23-34 Numbers designated by the Town:

It shall be the duty of the property owner to obtain the street address for a building from the Post Master at the US Post Office, Seaford office in the areas indicated on the official "addressing map" maintained by the Town Administrator. In the event such Post Master ceases to issue them then contact the Town for such number. All other addresses shown outside the boundaries shown on the above referenced map shall be addressed by Sussex County Mapping and Addressing Department. The Counties responsibility shall include U.S. Route 13 in its entirety.

Sec. 4-23-35 Responsibility of owners:

NO Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until the assigned Property number has been displayed in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

All buildings used for residential, commercial, institutional or governmental purposes shall be provided with an address identifying the buildings.

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner, trustee, lessee, agent and occupant of each building to display address numbers of said building as required under this Article and to maintain such number at all times.

Sec. 4-23-36 Placement of numbers:

The following requirements for the placement of numbers shall apply:

A. On residential structures:

1. All entrances from public streets to buildings fronting thereon shall be numbered as provided in this Article. The numbers shall be placed in the immediate area of each entrance.
2. The numbers shall be clearly visible from the centerline of the street: mounted in a secure manner on the front wall or porch.
3. All address numbers shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height. They shall be placed to read from left to right or vertically from top to bottom.
4. On the mailbox of residential structures (if applicable):

- a) The numbers shall be two (2) inches light reflective numbers and or letters.
- B. All industrial and commercial structures shall display address numbers of not less than ten inches in height. When possible, the number shall be displayed beside or over the main entrance of the structure.

Whichever method is chosen, the address must clearly identify which structure the address belongs to and must be visible from both sides of the street or road during both daylight and nighttime hours.

Sec. 4-23-37. Visibility:

Numbers should be of reflective material or of sufficient visual contrast to the background material to be easily discernible with the aid emergency vehicle spotlight.

Sec. 4-23-38. Multiple entrance/buildings:

Where a structure has more than one entrance serving separate occupants, a separate number should be posted above or to the side of the doorway to each unit. The building number must be clearly visible on each building and each apartment or condominium sufficiently labeled with individual and specific numbers.

Where there are multiple buildings at the same address, each building shall have posted the building number.

Commercial or Industrial facilities with rear doors that service separate tenants shall have these access points labeled with individual and specific numbers. The minimum height shall be three (3) inches.

Sec. 4-23-39. Notice to comply:

The Town Code Enforcer or his designee shall be authorized to enter upon private property for the purposes of inspection and to give notice by personal service or certified mail to person in violation of this Ordinance directing them to abate the situation within thirty days after issuance of notice.

If the violation has not been corrected in compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, the violator shall be charged with a violation of said notice and shall be assessed a fine in the amount of \$50.00. A notice of the assessment of the fine shall be sent to the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Failure to pay the fine within 31 calendar days following the date of the notice will result in a penalty of 2% per month or any portion thereof being added. Should collection procedures have to be utilized then the property owner will be required to reimburse those costs too.

Fine and penalties assessed for a violation of the Ordinance shall be levied against the property. Such charges will be carried on the records of the Town of Blades and shall be collectible through its normal processes and a lien may be levied on the real estate property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on its third and final reading at a public meeting of the Town of Blades Town Council, Sussex County, Delaware, held on the 8th day of December, 20 08.

David L. Ruff
Mayor David L. Ruff

12-8-08
Date

Attest: Vicki Dettyman
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12/8/2008
Date

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