

ORDINANCE NO. 122

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEHMAN, PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BUILDING NUMBERS
AND BUILDING NUMBER SIGNS AND THE PUBLIC DESIGNATION OF AND SIGNAGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE STREETS.**

Whereas, Lehman Township, under the authority of article XV, Section 1520, of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, as amended, 53 P.S. 66520, is empowered to require and regulate by ordinance the numbering of buildings;

Whereas, Lehman Township, under the authority of article XXIII, Section 2329, of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103 as amended by Act of Nov. 9, 1995, P.L. 350, No. 60 § 1, 53 P.S. 67329, is empowered to require and regulate by ordinance the naming of streets;

Whereas, Monroe County has developed a 911 public safety plan and as part of said plan the Township of Lehman is to designate names to streets, both public and private and further institute a building numbering system so that emergency services can clearly identify properties in the time of emergency;

Whereas, Lehman Township, in order to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Lehman Township, has recognized the need for emergency services personnel and others to quickly and accurately locate structures and buildings within Lehman Township;

Whereas, Lehman Township has determined that certain privately-maintained streets are not properly named or marked with proper street signage to direct emergency personnel and others seeking to locate buildings within the Township;

Whereas, Lehman Township has determined that certain structures within the Township are not properly named or marked with proper building number signage to direct emergency personnel and others seeking to locate buildings within the Township; and

Whereas, Lehman Township has determined that a uniform system of building numbering signs, and a uniform system for street name signs for all streets, both public and private, are necessary to preserve the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Lehman Township.

Now therefore, Lehman Township, under, and by virtue of, and pursuant to the authority granted by the Second Class Township Code, does hereby enact and ordain this Ordinance titled **Signs for Building Numbers and Streets**, as follows:

ARTICLE I SIGNS FOR BUILDING NUMBERS AND STREETS

Section 1. Building Numbers Required.

It is and it shall be the duty of each and every owner, trustee, lessee, agent, occupant, and possessor of each and every house, building, or other structure located in Lehman Township, whether on a public or private street, to cause the house, building or other structure to be numbered with its official building number assigned by Lehman Township. The building number sign shall be installed on an approved post and/or mount at the intersection of the driveway and the street right of way. For structures that do not have individual driveways (i.e. Townhouses), the building number sign shall be affixed to the structure in a conspicuous place that is clearly visible from the street. The number shall be permanently posted and affixed as set forth herein. All persons required to number existing houses, buildings, or other structures shall contact Lehman Township and secure an assigned building number.

Section 2. Type of Building Numbers.

A. The building number shall be placed at the following location(s) on the subject property:

1. On a clearly visible approved post, approved mount, or other similar approved structure located upon the subject property where the driveway intersects with the Township and/or State and/or Private Street; or,
2. For structures that do not have individual driveways (i.e. Townhouses), the building number sign shall be in a conspicuous place on the house, building or structure on or over the front door, on the front transom bar, front transom glass, or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance. The number shall be of sufficient size and in full view, so as to be identifiable and readable from the opposite side of the street adjacent to the subject property. The numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches in height and be reflective white in color over a contrasting dark background.

B. The building number shall be of metal, enamel, or vinyl and the color of the building number shall be reflective white and shall be in contrast to the immediate background. Building numbers shall be positioned such that snow, leaves, tree branches, overgrown vegetation or other such impediments shall not impair the visibility required by this Ordinance. The building number sign identifying the building or other structure shall comply with the following regulations:

1. Numerals shall be at least four (4) inches in height and spaced in a manner so that the reader can easily read the numbers.
2. The numbers may be displayed either vertically (preferred) or horizontally.
 - a. Vertical Display: The numbers shall be positioned vertically and correctly read from top to bottom.
 - b. Horizontal Display: The numbers shall be positioned horizontally and correctly read from left to right.
3. The numbers shall be in reflective white numerals and shall be visible from both directions on the street.

4. The background shall be reflective green. For vertical signs the dimension of the background shall be six (6) by eighteen (18) inches. Horizontal signs must be six (6) inches in height and of sufficient length to allow the numerals to be spaced in a manner that they can be easily read.
5. The building number sign shall be installed on an approved post or mount at a location where the driveway intersects with the Private Street and/or the Township Street and/or State Street right of way.
6. Unless approved by the Township, the building number sign shall be mounted on one of the following configurations:
 - a. Mounted on a stand-alone post or pole in a manner approved by the Township.
 - b. Mounted on any other type or kind of approved mounting device (e.g. mailbox) in a manner approved by the Township.
 - c. The sign should be placed near the edge of the street at the point of entrance to the residence (in most cases, the driveway), but far enough off the road so as not to interfere with snow plowing, or be covered by snow berms. Generally, the recommended distance is between three (3) and six (6) feet from the edge of the street.
7. The building number sign shall be easily visible by emergency responders as they approach the subject property from either direction on the street. The exception would be at the end of a cul-de-sac, where you can only approach and access the residence from one direction.
8. The height of the building number sign installed on an approved post or mount shall be at least three (3) feet but no greater than six (6) feet from the ground surface measured from the top of the sign to the street surface.
9. If the building number sign post and/or mount is knocked down and/or removed and/or otherwise covered by an unforeseen occurrence, the owner of the subject property shall repair and/or reinstall the building number sign within five (5) days of the occurrence.

Section 3. Covering Building Number Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to cover any building number sign with any other sign, drapery, or other obstruction tending to conceal such building number, and all inaccurate, obsolete, or non-conforming building numbers shall be removed from any property, house, building, or other structure when a new number has been assigned, or when so directed by the Lehman Township Zoning Officer or other designated Township representative.

Section 4. Time for Numbering Buildings.

All persons required to number buildings, as set forth herein, shall install the requisite building number signs for existing houses, buildings, or structures within one year of the enactment of this ordinance. The owners of new structures, those structures constructed after the date this Ordinance is executed by the Board of Supervisors, shall procure a building number sign as part of the normal building permit process. New structures shall be numbered prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Section 5. Street Names and Signs.

- A. For purposes of this Chapter, the term *Street* shall mean any and all public and/or private roads, streets, lanes, drives, avenues, easements and/or other similar right-of-ways used for vehicular traffic.
- B. All streets within Lehman Township, whether they be 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 street name that shall be placed on the Township's Official Map, if said Map exists, and used to identify the street on an approved street sign. Assignment of street names shall be in conformity with the Code of Lehman Township.
 1. Any such designation of a privately maintained street shall not impose any obligation or liability upon the Township for the maintenance, inspection, or improvement of said street.

Section 6. Street Signs Specifications.

All streets within Lehman Township, both public and private, shall be properly marked with street signs in a manner and form acceptable to the Township. Existing street signs are grandfathered until such time as they need to be replaced. New street signs shall comply with the following specifications:

- A. The sign and 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 signs as set forth within the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as amended (MUTCD).
- B. The text of the sign shall be six (6) inches in height, lower-case letters with initial upper-case letters and spaced in a manner so it is identifiable and readable from both sides of the street. The sign face shall be eight (8) inches in height exclusive of the border, if any.
- C. The text shall be in reflective white letters and/or numbers in accordance with the minimum retroreflectivity requirements of MUTCD, as amended.
- D. The sign shall be located on a pole at least seven (7) feet tall.
- E. The background of the sign shall contrast in color from the reflective white text so that the text of the sign is more visible in accordance with MUTCD, as amended.
- F. The signs shall be mounted at each street intersection in accordance with MUTCD, as amended.
- G. Signs naming the streets at the intersection shall be installed with their faces parallel to the streets they name.
- H. The sign shall be retroreflective or illuminated to show the same shape and color both day and night.

Section 7. Time for Repair.

If a private street sign is knocked down and/or removed and/or otherwise covered by an unforeseen occurrence, the owner and/or maintainer of the private street shall repair and/or reinstall the street sign within five (5) days of the occurrence.

Section 8. Time for Installing Signs.

All persons required to install street signs, as set forth herein, shall install said signs for existing street, both public and private, within ninety (90) days of the enactment of this ordinance. The owners of any street to be constructed in the future, after the date this Ordinance is executed by the Board of Supervisors, shall procure the official street name assignment and complete the requisite sign installation as part of the normal building permit process. New street shall be assigned a name and the requisite sign shall be installed within thirty (30) days after completion of the street.

Section 9. Penalty.

Any persons, firm or corporation who shall number or attempt to number any house, building, or structure contrary to this Ordinance or who shall, within thirty (30) days of notification by the Lehman Township Zoning Officer or other designated representative, fail or neglect to number their house, building or structure in accordance herewith, or who shall fail to change the number thereof or fail to remove the old number in cases of a number change, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and any person or persons who shall alter, deface, remove, or destroy any number or sign required to be displayed by this Ordinance, or any person or persons, firm or corporation who fails to install the requisite street signs required here in and/or attempts to deface and/or remove any such street sign shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars and not more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) dollars, the costs of prosecution, and reasonable attorney's fees, and, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. Each day's violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

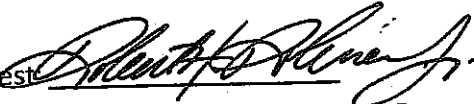
ARTICLE II SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision, section, sentence or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, as the provisions are severable and would have been enacted had not such invalid provisions been included herein.


ARTICLE II REPEALER

All Ordinances or part of Ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

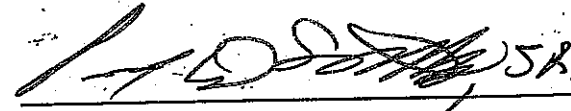
ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 30th day of August, A.D., 2011

Attest: 
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