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WOODBURY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 6

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known and referred to as the Uniform Rural Address System Ordinance of Woodbury County, Iowa, as adopted by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

It shall become effective upon passage by resolution and publication by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. The system shall be implemented by adoption of regulations and procedures.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE.

This ordinance provides for the adoption, administration and enforcement of a uniform rural address system including penalties for violations. The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors deems it necessary to enact such an ordinance to promote the safety, convenience and general welfare of the County.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined:

Person: Any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.

Subdivision: The division of a tract of land into separate lots or parcels for the purpose of transferring ownership or for development.

Building: A roofed and/or walled structure built for temporary or permanent use.

Base Map: The map used by the agency coordinating the Uniform Rural Address System. Such map shall indicate all addresses in Woodbury County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Engineer: The Woodbury County Engineer.

Zoning Administrator: The Woodbury County Zoning Administrator.

SECTION 5. EXTENT OF SYSTEM.

The entire unincorporated area of Woodbury County shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance except for those locations already using a system of a nearby incorporated area. Any incorporated area may also be included in the Uniform Rural Address System providing a written request from the governing body of such city be presented and approved by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. ROAD MARKERS. (STREET AND AVENUE SYSTEMS ONLY)

The Engineer shall purchase all street and avenue identification marker signs including posts and other materials, and cause said markers to be installed at each road intersection and/or other applicable locations to which the provisions of this ordinance apply. Such markers shall be in place on or before the date the Uniform Rural Address System becomes effective.

SECTION 7. HOUSE NUMBERS.

Woodbury County shall furnish and install a permanent marker on premises displaying the assigned number. These will include residents or persons owning, controlling, occupying, or using any house, store, storeroom, or building situated on premises serviced from any public road in areas provided for in Section 5. Any house number existing at the time this ordinance takes effect, that is inconsistent with this system or that is different from the newly assigned number, shall be removed and the new number installed.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to accessory building, however, if requested by the owner or occupant, may apply to such buildings located on a separate public road frontage.

SECTION 8. NEW STRUCTURES.

After the effective date of the Uniform Rural Address System, persons erecting structures per Section 7, shall within seven (7) calendar days of commencement of construction notify the Zoning Administrator of such construction. The Zoning Administrator shall then assign an appropriate number to such structure within thirty (30) calendar days. Furnishing and installing the required sign shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

SECTION 9. MAINTENANCE.

The Uniform Rural Address System shall be maintained by mutual cooperation of the Disaster Services, Engineering, and Zoning departments. The Zoning Administrator shall assign new address numbers; the Engineer shall replace street markers as appropriate (Street and Avenue system only); Disaster Services shall make periodic field inspections to verify compliance with the system, coordinate the distribution of new and replacement markers, coordinate the periodic update of maps and distribution of same to agencies provided for in Section 5, and any other duties necessary to insure continued maintenance of the system.

Upon implementation of the Uniform Rural address system, the cost of new or replacement address markers shall be at the expense of the property owner requiring the marker. In the event that such a marker is not placed, Disaster Services shall have the authority to cause the same to be installed and have all related costs assessed to the property owner(s).

SECTION 10. PENALTIES.

Refusal to use the Uniform Rural Address System shall be a county infraction punishable by a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars ($100) for each violation, or two hundred dollars ($200) for each repeat offense.

SECTION 11. REPEALER.

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

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Should any section(s) or provision(s) of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED PER SECTION 2.

Disaster Services, in cooperation with the Zoning Administrator and Engineer, shall coordinate and be responsible for the following:

1. Verify the accuracy of the base map that shall be used in the assignment of address numbers.

2. Make all necessary corrections and updates to the base map.

3. Assign addresses in accordance with the adopted rural address system.

4. Assist the County Engineer in purchasing sign assembly materials.

5. Street and Avenue System: Develop, print, and distribute reference maps to rural emergency providers, dispatchers, county offices, emergency vehicles, post offices, and other similar and appropriate agencies.

6. Furnish notification of the address system and address assignments to post offices, rural emergency providers, dispatchers, emergency vehicles, county offices, and providers and offices in adjacent counties when their services extend into Woodbury County.

7. Notify all residents affected by this system of the following:

   a. The effective date of the system.
   b. Date post offices and county departments will commence using the system.
   c. The date markers are required to be in place.
   d. Location and proper installation of address markers.
   e. Brief explanation of the system and its use.

8. Distribute markers.

This Ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa, on this 28th day of July, 1992.

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Donald L. Lawrenson, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Donald E. Linduski
Woodbury County Auditor
Deputy Auditor

JAN POWELL Deputy

I, ~~DONALD E. LINDUSKI~~, WOODBURY COUNTY AUDITOR, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 28th DAY OF July, 1992, THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUCH ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE SIOUX CITY JOURNAL ON THE 21st DAY OF July, 1992 AND WILL APPEAR AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF July 28, 1992.

~~Donald E. Linduski~~
Woodbury County, Auditor
Deputy Auditor