

**ENHANCED 911 ORDINANCE
TOWN OF SIDNEY, MAINE**

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid location of properties for the delivery of public safety and emergency services, postal delivery, and business delivery.

II. Authority:

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with the Municipal Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001.

III. Administration:

This ordinance shall be administered by the Planning Board who shall assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads. The Planning Board or designated person(s) shall be responsible for maintaining the following official records of this ordinance:

- a. A Sidney map for official use showing road names and numbers.
- b. An alphabetical list of all property owners as identified by current assessment records, by last name, showing the assigned numbers.
- c. An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

IV. Naming System:

All roads in Sidney that serve two or more addresses shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A road name assigned by the Town shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way. The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- a. Similar names - no two roads shall be given the same or similar-sounding names.
- b. The term "Lane" shall be used exclusively for roads ending at a lake (so called fire roads). These lanes shall have flower names and shall be in alphabetical

order.

- c. Every effort shall be made that each road have the same name throughout its entire length.

V. Numbering System:

Numbers shall be assigned every 50 (fifty) feet along both sides of the road, with even numbers appearing on the left side of the road and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, determined by the number origin. The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- a. All number origins shall begin from the southern most point for each North/South road. All number origins shall begin at the most easterly point for all East/West roads. For dead end roads, numbering shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end.
- b. The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the front door or driveway of said structure.
- c. Every structure with more than one principle use or occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy. (i.e. duplexes will have two separate numbers; apartments will have one road number with an apartment number.)

VI. Compliance:

All owners of structures shall, on or before the effective date of this ordinance, display and maintain the assigned numbers so as to be visible from the road in both directions of travel, in the following manner.

- a. Number on the Structure or Residence. Where the residence or structure is within 50 (fifty) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on the front of the residence or structure in the vicinity of the front door or entry.
- b. Number at the Street Line. Where the residence or structure is over 50 (fifty) feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post or mail box adjacent to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
- c. Where the mail box is on the opposite side of the road

from the residence or structure, the number shall be displayed on a post adjacent to the access drive to the residence or structure.

- d. Size and Color of Number.
 - 1. Numbers shall be of reflective material and a minimum of four inches high.
 - 2. Only numbers are to be used; no letters.
- e. The owner or occupant of any structure shall, within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice designating the number assigned, affix said number in a clearly visible and legible area so as to be seen from the road/street in both directions of travel.
- f. Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance.
- g. Interior location. All residents and other occupants are urged to post the assigned number and road name adjacent to their telephone for emergency reference.
- h. Should a person refuse or neglect to number the structure with the designated number, he/she shall be liable to a fine. The municipal officers shall cause the property number to be affixed to the property at the expense of the owner or occupant.

VII. New Developments and Subdivisions:

All new developments and subdivisions shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance as follows:

- a. New Developments: Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to procure an assigned number from the Code Enforcement Officer. This shall be done at the time of the issuance of the building permit.
- b. New Subdivisions: On the final plan showing proposed roads, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in the center of the street every 50 (fifty) feet so as to aid in assignment of numbers to structures subsequently constructed.

VIII. Violation of this Ordinance:

Any person who shall violate any section of this Ordinance shall be liable to pay a penalty to the Town of Sidney which shall be determined by the Board of Selectpersons.

IX. Enforcement of this Ordinance:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the person/persons appointed by the Board of Selectpersons.

X. Appeal:

Any person who shall deem himself/herself aggrieved by the failure or refusal of the person authorized to enforce this ordinance, may appeal the decision to the Board of Selectpersons at any time within thirty (30) days of notification of the violation, by informing the Administrative Assistant, in writing, of said appeal.

XI. Validity, Severability and Conflict with other Ordinances:

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

XII. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town of Sidney.

Effective: March 16, 1996