

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05-02-01

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF STREET NUMBERS
AND REQUIRING THE AFFIXING THEREOF TO BUILDINGS**

PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance shall be to promote public safety and convenience through the provision of a rational street numbering system whereby addresses may be identified with the ease and speed which is essential to the quick response of emergency services such as fire fighting, police and emergency medical care. All existing and future buildings within the police jurisdiction of the City of Ashland, which have been assigned a street address number, or may be assigned one in the future, shall be identified by such number permanently displayed as provided for in this section.

DUTY It shall be the duty of the owners of all dwellings, apartments, houses, multiple family dwellings, rooming houses, hotels, commercial establishments, and other buildings within the police jurisdiction of the City of Ashland, to number such buildings or units with numerals as herein provided. It shall be unlawful for any person whether owner or occupant of the building or any apartment or unit therein to place, maintain or allow to remain thereon any number other than the one required by this ordinance.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT It shall be the duty of the owners of all buildings existing at the effective date of this ordinance, to affix numerals indicating the street identification number which has previously been assigned to such buildings, or, if there is no record of such assignment, the street identification number which customarily has been used for such premises. Such numbers shall be affixed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TYPE AND LOCATION OF NUMBERS.

(a) Numerals used to indicate the street identification number of buildings shall be located on the exterior front of the building which they identify or on a post, sign, mailbox or other device located between the building and the street. Such numerals shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be of a color contrasting with the color of the background material to which they are affixed, they shall be positioned not less than four (4) feet nor more than twelve (12) feet from the surface of the ground directly below them. The location and size of such numerals shall be sufficient to assure their legibility when the building which they identify is viewed from one or more points along the center line of the street on which it fronts between projections of the sides of such building intersecting perpendicularly with said center line.

(b) If a building fronting on a street or private road is set back more than one hundred (100) feet from the center line of such street or private road or if any numerals affixed to such a building in accordance with subsection (a) cannot be made legible from such center line because of obstruction, the aforesaid numerals shall also be affixed to a post, sign, mailbox or other device which shall be located within ten (10) feet of the driveway entrance which provides the closest vehicular access to the building or part of the building to which the numerals have been assigned.

(c) For buildings containing two (2) or more dwelling units, stores, offices, or any combinations thereof, and which have entrances from interior passageways, numerals for such dwelling units, stores or offices shall be affixed within five (5) feet of every exterior door of the building by which the building may be entered and from which access of such dwelling units, stores or offices may be gained. In addition, the same number shall be affixed to the entrance door of each unit, store, office or combination thereof. Otherwise the specifications and locations for such

numerals shall be as for other buildings. All numbers must be made of substantial and permanent material, and must be so placed or affixed as not to be easily effaced or removed.

PENALTY. If the owner of any building fails to attach and maintain the property address number as required by this section, the police chief, code enforcement officer or their designees shall deliver to the owner a notice, addressed to the proper address of the building, requiring such owner to properly number the building as required hereby. Any owner who fails to comply with the requirements of this section within 30 days after the date of the notice shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$250.00 and, in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses of prosecution. Each day such violation continues shall be considered to be a separate offense.

SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance, but they shall remain in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2011.

_____ Mayor

ATTEST: _____ City Clerk