

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO.: 404

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ESTABLISHING A UNIFORMED ADDRESS NUMBERING SYSTEM, THE ADOPTION OF THE BAY COUNTY GRID SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY BAY COUNTY TO ASSURE CONFORMITY AND UNIFORMITY WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND BAY COUNTY IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF ADDRESS NUMBERS TO BUILDINGS WITH ACCESS FROM OFFICIALLY NAMED ROADS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY.

Section A. Authority and Purpose: This Ordinance provides for the regulation of road names and addresses in the city limits of the City of Springfield.

Short Title: This Ordinance shall be known as and may be referred to as the First Year 2000 Addressing Ordinance of the City of Springfield.

Section B. Definitions:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accessory building means a building which is clearly incidental or subordinate to and customarily utilized in connection with a principal building located on the same lot.

Building front means an area of the building which faces the public or private way pursuant to which the building is numbered.

Driveway means a paved or unpaved vehicular way that provides access from a public or private street to adjacent residential or non-residential land uses. A driveway will be presumed to be a local street when such driveway provides access to more than two (2) individual lots or parcels intended to be sold to separate owners.

Grid System means a series of designated North/South parallel lines intersecting a second set of East/West parallel lines within one square mile area (i.e., "section"), as indicated on the official "property numbering maps" of Bay County.

Numbering System means a uniform method of assigning and coordinating the addresses of buildings and properties based on a designated grid system contained in the official "property numbering maps" of Bay County.

Occupant means any person, firm, entity, partnership, trust, corporation, association, or other organization, who is occupying or leasing a building or other property for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

Owner means any and all persons, firms, entities, partnerships, trusts, corporations, associations, or other organizations who own the fee title to, or have an undivided interest in, any building or property which is subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Principal Building means any structure which is designed, built or used for the support, enclosure, shelter, or protection of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind for any residential, commercial or industrial purpose.

Road or Street means a public or private vehicular thoroughfare which affords primary means of access to abutting property.

Section C. Posting of Numbers:

All buildings in the City shall have the assigned building number properly displayed, whether or not mail is delivered to such building or property. It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant each building in the City to post the assigned building number on the property in the following manner:

- (1.) The building number shall be affixed to the front of the building, and to a separate structure in front of the building such as a mailbox, post, wall, or fence in such a manner so as to be clearly visible and legible to the public or private way on which the building fronts. There shall be no objects or vegetation obstructing the visibility of the numbers. In the event the building is not visible from the road or street due to its proximity or due to obscurity by vegetation or any other object the address must be posted on the building AND at the intersection of the building driveway and the road or street where the driveway connects. In the event there is no driveway and the building's visibility is obstructed as stated above the address will be posted, clearly visible from the street or road on which the number was assigned. Such posting shall be securely mounted on a permanently constructed sign, post or wall of sufficient size to accommodate the following requirements:
 - A. On a residential address the numbers shall be no less than four inches (4") in height and a corresponding width ratio. Reflective numbers are encouraged.
 - B. The numerals shall be a highly visible contrast to the immediate background upon which they are posted.

Numerals for all commercial buildings shall be no less than six inches (6") in height and a corresponding width ratio. The numerals for a commercial building shall be placed on the business sign in front of the commercial building or shopping center as well as on the building itself. There shall be no obstruction existing or created which obstructs the view of the numerals.

- (1.) Placement of the numerals on individual addresses within a shopping plaza or shopping center shall be clearly visible from the parking lot or entrance connecting to the road or street on which the number was assigned. The numerals shall be placed on or above the front door entrance to the business in order to provide uniformity.
- (2.) Commercial addresses located within a shopping plaza, center or complex shall also have their address posted on or above the back entrance door of the business in the same manner as stated above.

C. Mailboxes:

Numbers placed on mailboxes shall be posted on both sides of the mail box so that the numerals are clearly visible from both directions of travel on the street in front of the building or property for which the address is posted. The numerals must meet size specification. If the mailbox is not in front of the property **and** on the same side of the road or street as the property then posting the mailbox with the address numbers does not satisfy this ordinance. If the mailbox for the property is grouped or "clumped" in a group of other mailboxes, including centralized mailboxes, or the address posted on the mailbox is or would be obscured the posting of the address on the mailbox does not satisfy this ordinance. If the property's mailbox is used for the posting of address numerals the location of the mailbox must clearly indicate which property it belongs to.

It is not the intent of this ordinance, in the use of mailboxes for posting addresses, to control or interfere with the delivery of mail. Any postal regulations concerning the numbering or placement of a mailbox should take precedence over modifications made by the owner to satisfy this ordinance. The posting of address numerals on mailboxes will satisfy the

requirement of this ordinance only if the posting is done to the specifications of this ordinance. Numerals of an address must always be posted on the primary building of the property.

Section D Penalty:

From and after the effective date of this ordinance Section 8, Schedule of Civil Penalties, Ordinance 381 of the City of Springfield, shall be amended to include the violation of this ordinance ,404, as a \$50.00 civil penalty.

Section E Roads and Streets

From and after the effective date of this ordinance all public and private roads and streets inside the City Limits of Springfield shall be named. The name of the road or street shall be approved by the City of Springfield and the Address Numbering Section of Bay County. Conditions for such naming shall be upon conditions specified by the Address Numbering Section of Bay County except when in conflict with ordinances of the City of Springfield or the Comprehensive Development Plan and Land Development Regulations of the City of Springfield. In such cases the Ordinances and/or the Comprehensive Development Plan and Land Development Regulations of the City shall take precedence. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to roads or streets to which names have been assigned prior to the adoption of this ordinance

Section F No lot, parcel or tract of land will be assigned an address until it has been verified by the Bay County Address Numbering Section that the lot, parcel or tract is in compliance with land use, density or other applicable provisions of the Springfield Comprehensive Development Plan and/or Land Development Regulations.


Section G The Springfield Board of City Commissioners reserves the right to rescind this ordinance in it's entirety or in part at any time and without notice to any party or governments.

Section H Severability: Should any word, phrase, sentence, subsection or section be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable or unconstitutional, then that word, phrase, sentence, subsection or section so held shall be severed from this ordinance and all other words, phrase, sentences, subsections or sections shall remain in full force and effect.

Section I Effective date: This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Commission, this 3rd day of July, 2000.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA



ROBERT WALKER, Mayor

ATTEST:



JOYCE H. MAYNOR, City Clerk

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