

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

STREET NAMING AND STREET ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

SECTION I - Purpose

- * In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2291 (16), 24 V.S.A. Section 4421 and 24 V.S.A. Section 1971 (b) the Selectboard of the Town of Dummerston hereby establish the following ordinance regarding: Street Naming and Street Addressing. The purpose for this ordinance is to help establish a more uniform street naming and street addressing system throughout the Town of Dummerston. We believe that easily locatable addresses will have a number of beneficial results: 1) It will enable emergency services to arrive at a scene faster. 2) Delivery locations will be easier to find. 3) The U.S. Postal Service will soon stop Rural Route deliveries and require a street address. 4) Visitors to our town will be able to find an address and know where they are in case of emergency. 5) When the State of Vermont puts Enhanced 911 on line the Town of Dummerston will be ready.

SECTION II - Street Naming

- * Every street and road, both public and private, shall be assigned a name. This will be done at first by a special committee and after public input with final approval by the Dummerston Selectboard.
- * In the future any new development must meet the guidelines of this ordinance.
- * All road names must be a separate and distinct name. No two roads can have the same or similar sounding names. No new road can have a currently used name in the Town of Dummerston. Furthermore, the Dummerston Selectboard may change the names of streets, both public and private, (after duly warned public hearings) within the Town of Dummerston when necessary to promote public welfare and safety.
- * To help distinguish between Town and private roads: Private road names should end with Lane, Drive, Way etc., while town roads should end with Road.

SECTION III - Administration

- * A uniform system of numbering properties and principal buildings as shown on the property maps which are maintained by the Board of Listers is hereby adopted for use in the Town of Dummerston.

- * The Board of Listers shall number parcels as necessary and update the property maps annually according to the method of numbering set forth in Section IV. Existing numbering of parcels not in conformity with this chapter shall be changed to conform to the system herein adopted to maintain the integrity of the overall system and to protect public safety.
- * A developer shall furnish a plan for a street addressing and street naming system in accordance with this policy to the Town Zoning Administrator, who, with the Listers, will then assign a number so that a satisfactory mail delivery and emergency system will be maintained.

SECTION IV - General Numbering System Guideline

- * All roads are to be given an official name by the Select-board and shall be measured in segments of ten point five six (10.56) feet from a designated starting point, usually the end of the road nearest the intersection of a larger road. On roads that originate in Brattleboro and continue into Dummerston using the same road name, we will consecutively number starting after the last Brattleboro address. This also applies to other abutting communities. This will eliminate the possibility of duplicate addresses. ODD numbers shall be assigned to the LEFT side of the road and EVEN numbers to the RIGHT side of the road. The first 10.56 foot increment contains address numbers 1 and 2, the second 10.56 foot increment (21.12') contains the addresses 3 and 4 and so on.
- * All numbers shall be established based on the distance from the street, from the center of the driveway, or in some cases from the center of the structure.
- * All numbers shall be properly affixed on or near the front entrance or in some other manner visible from the street. The numbers must be reflective and must be easily legible figures not less than THREE INCHES (3") high and in a color contrasting to the building background. The United States Post Office requires correct, easily legible numbers which are not obscured by anything. The homeowner is responsible for the numbers on the house or unit. If a house is not visible from the road it needs a number at the end of the driveway nearest to the road. These numbers must be high enough above the ground so as not to be obscured by the plow banks during the winter season.
- * Address numbers will be reserved to provide for future growth in all areas of the town.

SECTION V - Definitions

APARTMENT HOUSE - A building under one ownership in which the rooms are arranged and rented as apartments. Apartment houses shall be numbered as follows: The apartment house shall be given one street number and each individual apartment shall be given an apartment number. For example: 21 East West Road, Apt. 1.

RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX - A building with individual separately owned units in a multi-unit structure usually with land owned in common. These shall be numbered as follows: each condominium road shall be given a road name and each unit within the complex shall be given its own street number.

COMMERCIAL COMPLEX - A building or buildings under one ownership used for commerce or industrial use, shall be numbered as follows: each building shall be given its own street number and each unit shall be given its own unit or suite number. For example: 111 Waterman Road, Suite 1. Where there are multiple roads in a complex, each road shall be named and each building given its own number. In the case of commercial condominiums each separately owned unit in the building shall have a unit number and further leased/division shall be given a letter designation. For example: 111 Waterman Road, Suite 1, Unit A.

COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND APARTMENT COMPLEX - A building or buildings used commercially in which there is also apartments, shall be numbered as follows: each building shall be given its own street number; each commercial unit shall be given a respective unit or suite number and each apartment a respective apartment number. At no time shall a unit or apartment be given the same numbers. For example: 357 West River Road, Unit 1 (first floor business), 357 West River Road, Apt. 3 (second floor apartment).

DUPLEX APARTMENT - An apartment with rooms on two floors and a private inner stairway, shall be numbered as follows: each building shall be given its own number and each apartment within that building shall be given its own apartment number. For example: 40 West Street, Apt. 1 and 40 West Street, Apt. 2.

DUPLEX HOUSE - A dwelling consisting of two separate units that is separated from the adjoining units by a wall that extends from ground to floor shall be numbered as follows: each unit shall be given its own street number. For example: 105 Middle Road, 107 Middle Road.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING - A detached one family house shall be given its own street number. For example: 3855 U. S. Route 5.

SINGLE FAMILY UNIT WITH AN APARTMENT - A detached one family house with an apartment, shall be numbered as follows: each single family dwelling unit shall be given a street number and each apartment shall use that street number along with a respective apartment number. For example: 27 Lyons Street; 27 Lyons Street, Apt. 1.

SECTION VI - Street Signs

- * The Selectboard, upon adoption of this ordinance, shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of Street Name Signs in accordance with the names established by this ordinance. All signs shall be installed and maintained to the highest degree possible allowed by budget considerations.
- * All signs shall conform to the Dummerston Zoning By Laws.

SECTION VII - Public Notice and Implementation

- * Public Notice: The Selectboard of the Town of Dummerston shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of this ordinance: Street Naming & Street Addressing.
- * The Town of Dummerston shall ensure, through cooperative efforts with the United States Post Office, that each property owner is notified of this ordinance.
- * This ordinance: Street Naming & Street Addressing, shall be: 1) entered into the Selectboard's minutes, and 2) shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Town of Dummerston, and 3) the full text of the ordinance or a concise summary of it published in the Brattleboro Reformer not more than fourteen (14) days following the date specified below when this ordinance is adopted.
- * Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on this ordinance at an annual or special town meeting as provided in 24 VSA 1973.

SECTION VIII - Enforceability

- * This ordinance is designated as a criminal ordinance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1971(b).

- * Any violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.
- * Prosecutions of this ordinance shall be brought before the District Court pursuant to Section 441 of Title 4, Vermont Statutes Annotated.
- * Any prosecution of this ordinance may be brought on behalf of the Town by the municipal attorney, grand juror, or other person designated by the Selectboard.
- * There will be a \$500 fine for any vandalism (stealing, defacing or destroying) of public signs within the Town of Dummerston.
- * In the event that the owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building refuses to comply with the terms of this ordinance by failing to affix the number assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, or by failing, within said period of sixty (60) days to remove any old house numbers from such house, or house entrance, or elsewhere, which may be confused with the number newly assigned, that person shall be punished by paying a fine not less than five (5) dollars per day for every day that the situation is not corrected.
- * In addition to any fines imposed, in the event that a person or unit owner refuses to comply with the terms of this ordinance by failing to affix the number assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, said person or unit owner shall find harmless the Town of Dummerston, its emergency services, the Postal Service, or any other entity which may require these numbers to provide service or product to any properties or structures in the Town of Dummerston.

SECTION IX - Severability

- * If any portion of this ordinance and amendments is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance and amendments shall not be affected.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF DUMMERSTON ON THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1997 AND SHALL, UNLESS A PETITION IS FILED AS PROVIDED BY LAW, BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE EXPIRATION OF SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER SAID DATE.

Jack W. Murray
Thomas J. Moran
Joseph A. Brown

Rester L. Dummerston

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 1, 1997

DUMMERSTON ROAD REVISIONS

NAME CHANGES:

1. GOODELL ROAD TO HESCOCK ROAD
2. WALKER ROAD TO BUTTERFIELD ROAD
3. RAVINE ROAD TO STICKNEY BROOK ROAD
4. SHORT SECTION OF STICKNEY BROOK ROAD TO HILL ROAD
5. LOWER SECTION OF STICKNEY BROOK ROAD TO BEAR HILL ROAD
6. SOUTH END OF LEONARD ROAD TO STICKNEY BROOK ROAD
7. EAST END OF HAGUE ROAD TO EVANS ROAD
8. OLD ROUTE 5 TO JOHNSON'S CURVE ROAD
9. MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD TO STICKNEY BROOK ROAD
10. SWAMP ROAD TO NOURSE HOLLOW ROAD
11. PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD TO WICKOPEE HILL ROAD
12. THAYER ROAD TO FISCH ROAD

NAME DELETES:

1. GOODELL ROAD
2. WALKER ROAD
3. RAVINE ROAD
4. OLD ROUTE 5
5. MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD
6. SWAMP ROAD
7. PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD
8. THAYER ROAD
9. COOL VALLEY DRIVE (PRIVATE)

NEW NAMES:

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| 1. | BERGBLICK DRIVE | off Beaver Pond Road |
| 2. | LYONS STREET | off West Street at Post Office |
| 3. | WOODY'S DRIVE | off Wickopee Hill Road |
| 4. | PURPLE MT. DRIVE | off Holland Hill Road in Putney |
| 5. | PROSPECT VIEW DRIVE | off East West Road |
| 6. | OAK HILL DRIVE | off Black Mt. Road |
| 7. | HOMESTEAD DRIVE | off Greenhoe Road |
| 8. | WOODS ROAD | off Waterman Road |
| 9. | POPLAR COMMONS | off Carpenter Road |
| 10. | KATHAN MEADOW DRIVE | Road to Putney Converting |
| 11. | DEER RIDGE DRIVE | off Camp Arden Road |
| 12. | BRICKYARD LANE | Road to West Hill Shop |
| 13. | SUGAR MAPLE DRIVE | off Houghton Brook Road |
| 14. | LOCUST LANE | off Houghton Brook Road |
| 15. | WARDE DRIVE | off Hague Road |
| 16. | LEVERWOOD DRIVE | off Hague Road |
| 17. | CLAYPIT DRIVE | off Hague Road |
| 18. | TRAVIS DRIVE | off Hague Road |
| 19. | CHARENTE DRIVE | off U.S. Route 5 |
| 20. | BROWNS WAY | off Camp Arden Road |
| 21. | WHITE HOUSE DRIVE | off School House Road |
| 22. | HELLUS HILL DRIVE | off Upper Dummerston Road |
| 23. | EMERY HILL DRIVE | off Spaulding Hill Road |
| 24. | CLARK ROAD | off Carpenter Road |
| 25. | PARTRIDGE ROAD | off East West Road |

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