ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS

For
Newaygo County
Uniform House-Numbering Ordinance

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INTRODUCTION

In order to uniformly assign and maintain house numbers and provide for easy identification of those numbers for various purposes and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Newaygo County, the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners approves these Rules and Regulations.

APPLICATION OF HOUSE-NUMBERING SYSTEM

The Administrative Rules and Regulations shall affect all property found in Newaygo County as described in the "Newaygo County Uniform House-Numbering Ordinance" and applicable resolutions.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. **Authorized Agent**: A property owner's attorney, trustee, realtor, broker, purchaser, tenant, or receiver.
- 2. **Authorized Local Official**: A sheriff's deputy and/or County Building Official
- 3. **Diagonal Road**: A road whose course does not run in either an approximate North/South or East/West direction.
- 4. **Display:** The readily identifiable manner in which the house number is affixed to a structure in compliance with these rules.
- 5. **House Number**: The number assigned to consecutive intervals along a street pursuant to the Number Assignment Formula contained herein.
- 6. **Interval**: The distance along a roadway of 13.2 feet, except as may be determined by the House-Numbering Administration along diagonal, curvilinear, circle, and loop roadways or buildings in group housing projects, business and industrial districts.

7. Number Assignment Formula (basic):

All numbers shall be assigned on the basis of one (1) odd and one (1) even number for each interval along a road, eight hundred (800) numbers per mile.

The numbering of property on each road shall begin at the appropriate base line and the numbers shall increase one hundred (100) numbers for every six hundred sixty (660) feet from the appropriate base line.

Numbers on the south side of east/west roads and the east side of north/south roads will be even numbers. Numbers on the north side of east/west roads and the west side of north/south roads will be odd numbers

8. Point of Origin:

Base Lines-County shall mean the following lines that divide the County into east/west and north/south sections.

East/West Base Line (a.k.a. "Centerline Road") divides the County into East and West sections and is described as follows:

Beginning at an imaginary line that would be an extension of Centerline Road at the Newaygo-Muskegon County line, then northerly along Centerline Road, or an imaginary line that would be Centerline Road to the Newaygo-Lake County line.

North/South Base Line (a.k.a. "Baseline Road") divides the County into North and South section and is described as follows:

Beginning at the Newaygo-Mecosta County line at Baseline Road, then westerly along Baseline Road or an imaginary line, which would be an extension of Baseline Road, to the Newaygo-Oceana County line.

Base Lines—City shall mean lines that divide a city or village into East/West and North/South sections. Each village or council or city commission may establish, subject to Board approval, East/West and North/South Base Lines in any City located within the County.

City of Grant (See figure 1)

The East/West point of beginning for numbers is Maple Street.

The North/South point of beginning for numbers is State Road.

City of Newaygo (See figure 2)

The East/West point of beginning for numbers is State Street, North from Quarterline Road, Clay Street from Post Street South to Park Avenue, or the imaginary extension of Clay Street to State Street and Park Avenue South to the City limits.

The North/South point of beginning for numbers is Quarterline Road west from the city limits to State Street, continuing west on West State Street to Main Street west to the west city limits.

City of White Cloud (See figure 3)

The East/West point of beginning for numbers is Centerline Road or the imaginary extension of Centerline Road.

The North/South point of beginning for numbers is Pinehill Avenue; otherwise know as Baseline Road, or the imaginary extension of Pinehill Avenue.

Village of Hesperia (See figure 4)

The East/West point of beginning for numbers is Division Street or the imaginary extension of Division Street.

The North/South point of beginning for numbers is South Street or the imaginary extension of South Street.

- 9. **Primary Structure:** The term shall mean a residential building, mobile home, commercial building, industrial building, storage building, office building, public building, or other man-made fixture. Where a residence is on the property, the residence shall be the Primary Structure. Where there is no residence, the first structure placed on the property shall be the Primary Structure.
- 10. **Roadway**: The term shall include public roads & streets, as well as private access roads such as easements & drives providing access to a structure.

DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBER

Display on Primary Structure. Each primary structure shall display a house number. The house number shall be displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the roadway named in the address.

All numbers shall be in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½-inch stroke. The color of the numbers shall be in contrast with the background. (See figure 5)

Additional Display. When the structure is not visible from the road or more than 90 feet from the road, the address must be posted not more than 20 feet from the roadway (driving surface) and within 10 feet of the drive.

Numbers must be on a reflective 911 emergency sign.

Display of Non-Official Number, Removal, Destruction of, etc.: It shall be unlawful for any person to display any number other than the official number upon any house or building or to take down, destroy, mutilate or deface in any manner any house or building number.

MAPPED NUMBERS

The House-Numbering Administration in conjunction with Information Services, GIS and Tax Mapping, shall cause to be created and maintained an accurate map of all roadways within Newaygo County. Said map shall be the official repository of all official house number assignments.

ASSIGNING OR CHANGING HOUSE NUMBERS

The House-Numbering Administration shall upon application (*See figure 6*) by a landowner or their authorized agent, cause to be assigned the appropriate house number. The applicant shall be provided with information for the approved placement and displaying of the house number as provided herein. (*See figure 8*)

Existing house numbers, which do not comply with the Newaygo County House-Numbering System, may be changed by either a request to the House-Numbering Administration by the property owner or their authorized agent, or the change may be initiated by the House-Numbering Administration. When the change is initiated, the property owner shall be notified in writing 60 days prior to the time the new number is to become official. The House-Numbering Administration may extend the time for implementation at its discretion if circumstances warrant. Application by the property owner will only be considered if the request is in writing and includes a signed affidavit. (See figure 9)

OFFICIAL ROADWAY NAME

Permanent house numbers will not be assigned along any platted or public roadway until the road name has been approved by the appropriate jurisdiction and verified by the Newaygo County Road Commission. The Road Commission shall keep a list of all approved road names and will check all submitted names against that list. Duplicate names with similar number ranges or confusing road names will be rejected and the party will be asked to submit a different name for consideration.

Pending house numbers may be issued to facilitate obtaining various construction permits in a timely manner. The number shall be calculated along the grid line of the proposed road and shall be given the road name "Pending", E.G. 952 Pending.

Refusal to Name a Roadway: If an individual does not name a roadway within 30 days of official notification, then the House-Numbering Administration and the Newaygo County Road Commission may name the roadway. All affected parties will be notified of the approved name.

Multiple Parcels: "For all private roadways, easements, or drives with more than one parcel per driveway with separate owners, each parcel must have an address for their access or the possibility of access and all primary structures off of that road, street or drive must be numbered."

House numbers shall not be assigned along any unplatted private roadway, drive, or access easement of record until the name has been registered with and approved by the Newaygo County Road Commission.

Roadway Names: The majority of property owners located on or having access off that roadway must approve the proposed name. The name must then be submitted to the Newaygo County Road Commission for approval. (See figures 10 & 11) Approvals will not be given for duplicate names within the county or confusing names. (North Street, Bluebird West, Lakeshore, & Lake Shore, etc.) A road name which has been approved and structures numbered on that road shall not be changed without adequate justification. Appeals of a road name will be directed to the House Numbering Appeals Board and be subject to all applicable fees. Changes to road names within a plat/site condominium need to be submitted to the appropriate jurisdiction so they may officially change the road names and then record with the Register of Deeds to amend according to their requirements.

Suffix and Directional Designation: The Newaygo County Road Commission must review a suffix and directional to the roadway name before submitting the road name to the House-Numbering Administration. If a roadway name is submitted without a suffix or directional then the House-Numbering Administration will assign a suffix along with the numbers and directions for the address. (*Excluding the City of Fremont*)

Private roadways, easements, or drives will have a suffix that helps denote the roadway as a private access. These suffixes will include Lane, Court, Boulevard, Circle, etc. The use of Road, Drive, Street, and Avenue will be reserved for the County and City's road systems.

PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING PROPER HOUSE NUMBERS

Assignment of Numbers: The numbering of property on each roadway commences at either Baseline or Centerline Road within the County and the various City baselines and centerlines and that number being 0. For every interval of 13.2 feet along the roadway, two numbers are assigned, even numbers on the south and east sides of the roadway and odd numbers on the north and west sides of the roadway. The number will be computed for the front entrance or center of the structure facing the roadway.

Relationale: If there are existing numbers bordering the proposed site, a number may be assigned which falls within the existing numbers based on the distance between those numbers and the proposed number. Note: this is most likely to occur within cities. (*See figure 12*)

Structures off Roadway: When the structure cannot be seen from the roadway or lies more than 200 feet from the roadway, the number will be computed for the center of the drive or access road where it intersects the main roadway.

Corner Lots: Structures on corner lots will be assigned numbers on the street upon which the front entrance faces.

Numbering Diagonal, Meandering or Curvilinear Roadways: Where the roadway does not run directly north/south or east/west, the general course of the roadway is to be used in determining the house numbering direction. An interval of more than 13.2 must be used. There are two methods for computing the correct interval. First, measure perpendicular to the baseline or centerline and not along the roadway to obtain the correct distance and proper interval. For the other method, multiply 800 by the ration of the distance in feet that the structure being numbered is from the mile road nearest the transecting base line to the distance in feet measured along the diagonal or meandering road between consecutive mile roads and adding this to the assigned number for the mile road nearest the baseline. (See figure 13)

Roadways that Change Direction: Unless waived by the House-Numbering Administration, a roadway which changes directions at a 60 degree angle or more and for a length of 150 feet or more, the numbering along the roadway shall be changed to reflect the orientation with a different baseline. The roadway must be named differently at the change of direction. If the roadway name is not changed, the numbering shall be determined in the same manner as used in determining house numbers along diagonal, meandering, or curvilinear roadways. (Note: Waivers will only be given for extenuating circumstances and only if the health and safety of the general public is not compromised.) (See figure 13)

Land-Locked Property: All roadways with more than one parcel with separate owners, each parcel with a separate owner must have an address for their access or the possibility of access and all primary structures off of that road must be named and numbered.

Buildings with Interior Access to Tenant Areas: Buildings with interior access to the various tenants, such as apartment buildings, group housing projects, and office buildings with suites, shall have one address. Individual dwellings or tenants within the building shall be assigned suffix letters or numbers. (E.g. 121 S. Maple Street, Apt. B or 243 E Main St, Suite A)

Buildings with Exterior Access to Tenant Areas: Separate house numbers shall be assigned to the entrances of buildings with individual access to tenant areas, such as a house, duplex, strip malls, businesses, and industrial districts. For upstairs dwellings, or tenants with outside entrances, the entrance will be the point of numbering. If access to the upstairs is made from the rear of the structure, the number shall be higher than the number for the structure downstairs.

Mobile Home Parks: Each roadway within the mobile home park shall be named and the mobile homes numbered off those roadways.

Suffix Letters and Numbers: Suffix letters and/or numbers assigned to dwellings, office suites, apartments, and other buildings shall first be registered with and approved by the House-Numbering Administration.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

Membership: There shall be established a "House Numbering Appeals Board" consisting of not less than 6 members. Members shall be representatives from the Road Commission, Central Dispatch, Register of Deeds, District 10 Health Department, a Township or City, and the Chairman of Public Safety Committee or their designee. The Board of Appeals shall hear and maintain records of all appeals presented in accordance with the rules and procedures established by these rules.

Chairman: The Chairman and Vice Chairman of Board of Appeals shall be the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and the Register of Deeds respectively. In the absence of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, a member of the Board of Appeals as voted on by a majority of the members present shall chair the meeting. A secretary, other than a member of the Appeals Board, may be appointed by the House-Numbering Administration to document activities of the Board. This individual is not a member of the Board and as such does not have a vote.

Quorum: A quorum shall consist of not less than 4 members present to hear an appeal and initiate action.

Procedure:

Request in Writing: Appeals of a decision by the House-Numbering Administration shall be made in writing to the House-Numbering Appeals Board within 15 business days after the date of the notification letter. The appeal shall state the grounds upon which said appeal is being made and the desired outcome of the appeal. The appellant shall remit the filing fee with their request. (See Appeal Request Form – Figure 15)

Scheduled Hearing: A hearing shall be scheduled at the earliest possible time by the House-Numbing Administration and not more than 30 business days of receipt of written request and fee. (*See figure 16*) Notification of the hearing will be sent to the jurisdiction in which the appeal is located.

Open Meeting: All business conducted by the House Numbering Appeals Board shall be done at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (*MCL 15.261 et esq.*) Public notice of the time, date and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by said statue.

Variance Criteria: The House Numbering Appeals Board may grant individual variances to the requirements of these regulations when the Board determines all of the following conditions exist:

- 1. The health and safety of the general public is not compromised.
- 2. The length of time between the original address designation and the appellant filing their complaint or appeal does not adversely affect other property owners.
- 3. Strict compliance with the Ordinance would result in unnecessary or unreasonable hardship.
- 4. No State statute or other applicable laws would be violated by granting such a variance.

Decision and Notification: A final decision of the House Numbering Appeals Board shall be by majority vote of the members on the Board to revise any address designation, or decide in favor of the appellant on any appeal. Any decision of the Board is final. The appellant and local jurisdiction will be provided a written copy of the decision within 10 business days of the hearing.

Expenses: The cost of filing an appeal is shown on the fee schedule adopted by the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners (Figure 16).

Appeals: Any person aggrieved by a decision of the House Numbering Appeals Board may petition the Circuit Court for review.

ENFORCEMENT

Citation: An Authorized Local Official may issue citations to property owners for violations of these Rules or the Uniform House-Numbering Ordinance. The House-Numbering Administration shall have the discretion to dismiss a citation if the property owner demonstrates compliance with the Ordinance within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the citation.

Fine: Any violation of these Rules or the Uniform House-Numbering Ordinance is a civil infraction under Section 8701 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, MCI 600.8701 et seq. and punishable with a fine of up to \$500.

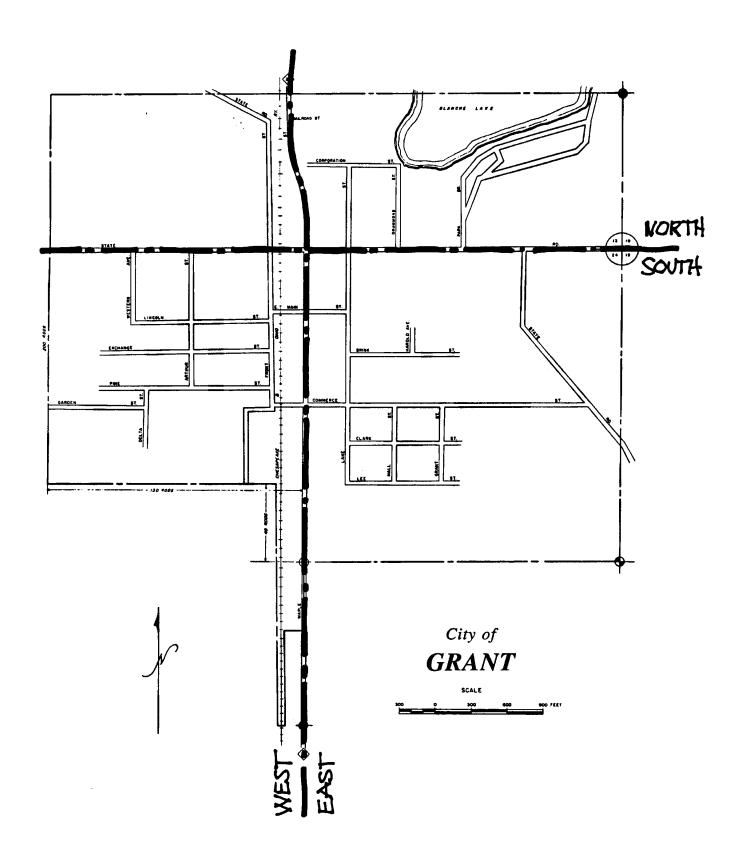


Figure 1. Map – City of Grant

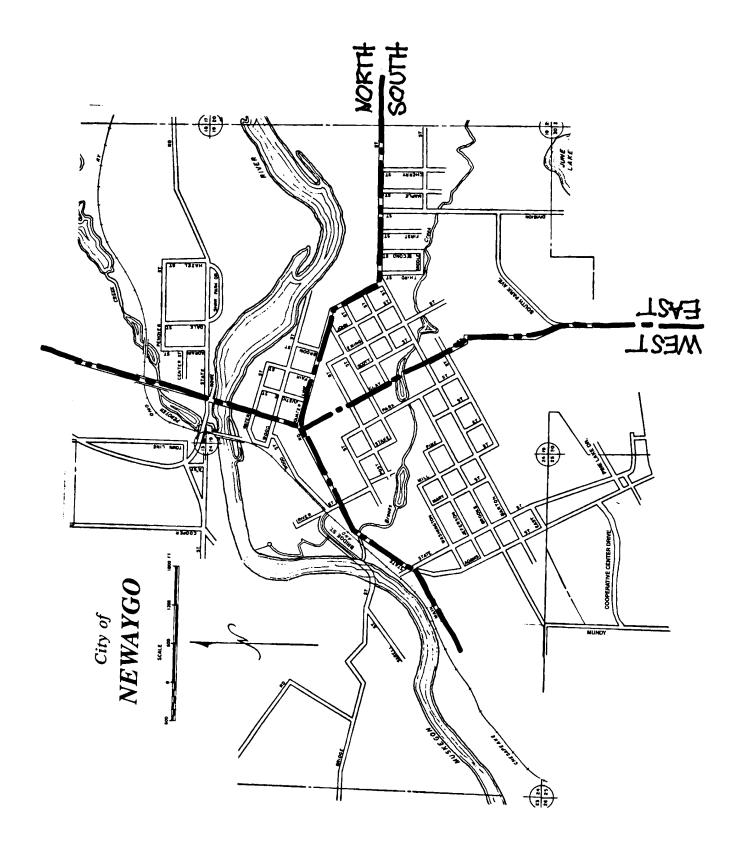


Figure 2. Map – City of Newaygo

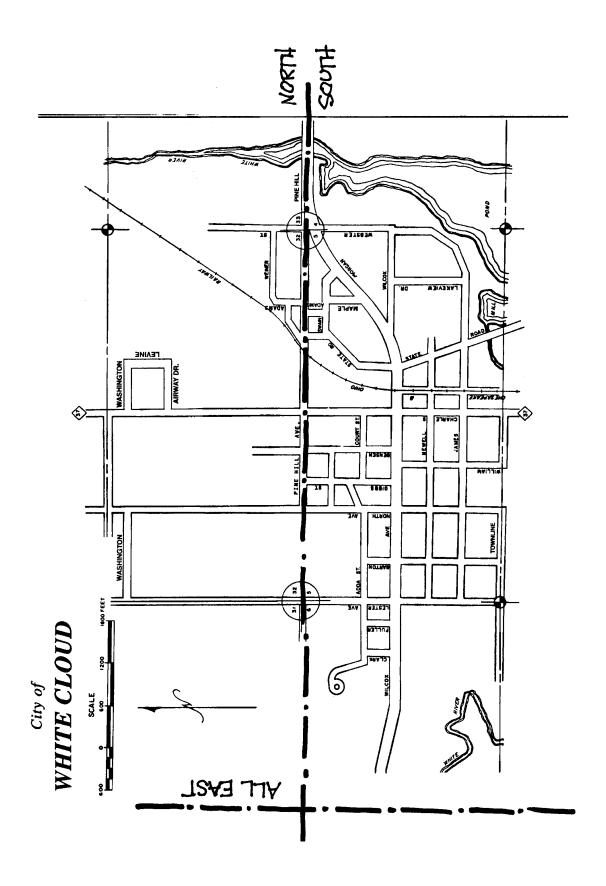


Figure 3. Map – City of White Cloud

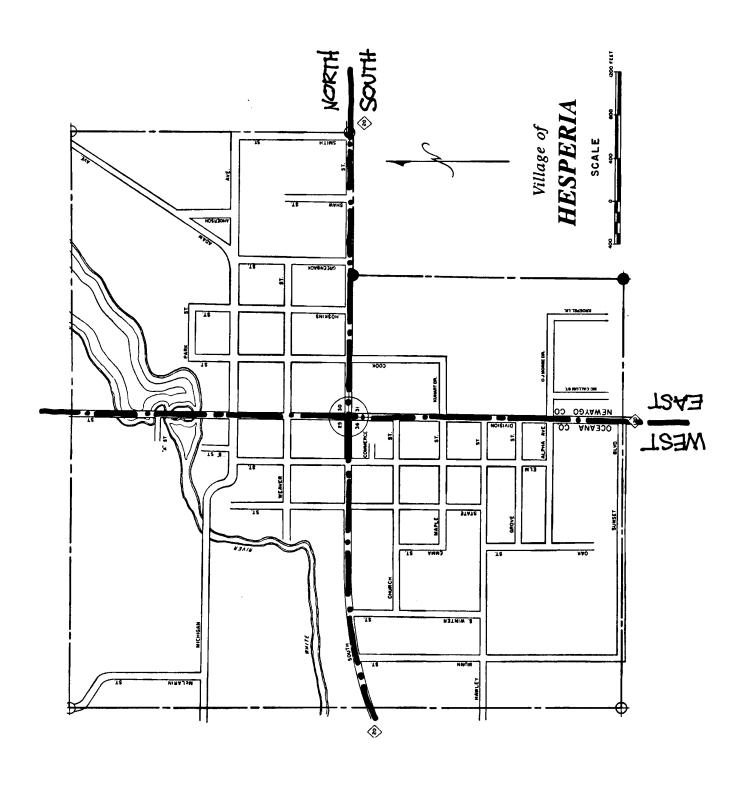


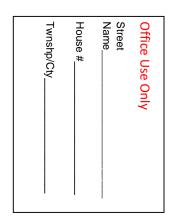
Figure 4. Map – Village of Hesperia



Figure 5. Sample of Approved Numbers



Newaygo County Equalization 1087 Newell St, PO Box 885 White Cloud, MI 49349 231-689-7244 Fax 689-7032



HOUSE NUMBER APPLICATION

Date:			
Name:		Telephone N	lumber:
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Address for-List Type of Structu	re on Property:		
	Example: hou	se, modular, mobile ho	ome, doublewide, garage, pole bldg, RV, etc
If would like to receive your nev	w address by e-mail p	lease clearly write you	ır e-mail address below:
Needed information regarding	the property you are	wanting the new addi	ress for:
Township:	Secti	on:	Street:
Is property to be split? Yes	No		
Property Parcel Number (Tax ID):		
On back side of form, please ar	nswer questions & dra	aw location of the ho	use and driveway as they relate to the parce
Indicate distance of driveway	from lot line. Also, w	rite the measuremen	ts of your parcel.
Signature of Property Owner			
Office Use Only			Office Use
Number Issued:			_ Customer
Number	Direction	Street Name	BS&A Post Office
Post Office:	Zip	Code:	Envir Hlth Blg Dpt
Ву:			Dispatch Report
Date:			NCRC Twp/City

Figure 6. House-Numbering Application



NEWAYGO COUNTY EQUALIZATION

1087 NEWELL ST. WHITE CLOUD, MI 49349 PH. (231) 689-7244 FAX (231) 689-7032

New Assigned Property Address

The follow:	ing number has	been assigned to you	ir lot or parcel number	r:
62		_		
Number	Direction	Street Name	Post Office	Zip Code
	fy the post office t has been issued	•	her businesses of the	new property address
the County	•	e number assigned	-	at "Each property owner in bserved and readable from
well, soil en identification ones listed	rosion, building on purpose only above. It is the	permits, floodplain, and is used in the ap owner's responsibili	and driveway permits	•
Authorized	Signature from	Newaygo County H	ouse Numbering Adn	ninistration Date

Figure 7. New Assigned Property Address



1087 Newell St * PO Box 885 * White Cloud, MI * 49349 Phone: (231) 689-7244 * Fax: (231) 689-7032 Office Hours: 8am – 5pm

Display of House Number

1. **Display on Primary Structure.** Each primary structure shall display a house number. The house number shall be displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the roadway named in the address.

All numbers shall be in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½ inch stroke. The color of the numbers shall be in contrast with the background.

2. **Additional Display.** When the structure is not visible from the road or more than 90 feet from the road, the address must be posted not more than 20 feet from the roadway (driving surface) and within 10 feet of the drive.

Numbers may be on a sign or attached to a tree, fence post, or single mailbox. Mailboxes, which are grouped in two or more, shall not be used for displaying required house numbers as defined in these rules. Grouped mailboxes do not provide identification for the location of individual structures or other mailboxes block the numbers.



Figure 8. Instructions for Placement of House Numbers



1087 Newell St * PO Box 885 * White Cloud, MI * 49349 Phone: (231) 689-7244 * Fax: (231) 689-7032 Office Hours: 8am – 5pm

1,	, am the rightful owner of the
(Please print – full name)	, C
Property located at	,
-	(Street address)
In section of	township.
Parcel number: 62	
I request that my existing house to reflect the Newaygo County n	number and/or street name be corrected umbering system.
	(Signature and date)

Figure 9. Property Owner Affidavit

NEWAYGO COUNTY PRIVATE ROAD CHECKLIST

Date:			
Name	of applicant: _		Phone:
Mailin	ng address		
		**********	******
REQU	UESTED ROA	<u> D NAME:</u>	
Note:	•	g suffixes are reserved for County et, Drive & Road. Do <u>not</u> use the	and City road systems: se suffixes when naming a private roadwa
Parcel	number:	To	ownship:
Is this	road in a plat?	If yes, name of plat:	
Is this	a new or existi	ng road?	
If exis	ting, does it cu	rrently have a name?	
What	is the current ro	oad name?	
Is this	a request to ch	ange the current road name?	
LOCA	ATION:		
Private	e road runs off	what street?	
What	direction off th	is street?	
Betwe	en what two cr	oss streets?	
If a <u>su</u>	rvey is availab	le, please include a copy of it wh	en returning this form.
	ition is required property. (Form		wners who would use this road to access
RETU (Circled lo	JRN TO:	Newaygo Co. Road Comm. 935 E 1 Mile Rd White Cloud, MI 49349	Newaygo Co. Equalization PO Box 885 White Cloud, MI 49349

Figure 10. Newaygo County Private Road Checklist

Newaygo County Petition for Second to Access to Proper

Naming Easement or Access to Property

itioner: Phone:			
Mailing address:			
Petitioner's Parcel No.			
	Section No		
********	*		
Name selected for access to Property: _			
We the undersigned do hereby agree with	th the name selected for access to our property.		
Name:	Mailing Address:		
**********	*		
Return original petition with private roa	d checklist to the County Road Commission.		
Copies of the petition must be submitted Newaygo County Equalization v			

Figure 11. Petition for Naming Easement or Access to Property

Township Supervisor – Check with your township to see if required.

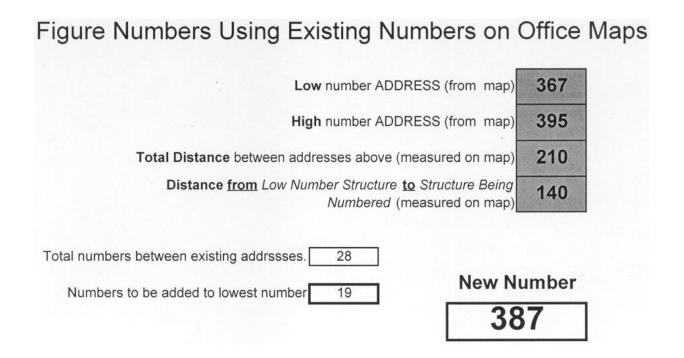


Figure Numbers for Diagonal, Meandering or Curvilinear Roads Beginning Number from Initial Grid Line 2000

Distance from Initial Grid to Secondary Grid (d)

Actual Distance from Initial Grid Line to Structure being Numbered (a)

Distance from Initial Grid line to Secondary Grid Line, along Meandering, Diagonal, or Curvilinear Roadway (m)

Proportional Distance from Beginning Grid Line to Structure being Numbered (x)

1500

3000

New Number

Figure 12. Computer Formulas – Relational Property Addresses

Ratio for Diagonal, Meandering or Curvilinear Roadways

$$x = d(a/m)$$

- **X** = Proportional distance from beginning grid line to structure being numbered (number to be use in formula on previous page)
- d = Distance from initial grid line to secondary grid line, measured along grid line
- **a** = Actual distance from initial grid line to structure being numbered
- **m** = Distance from initial grid line to secondary grid line, measured along meandering, diagonal, or curvilinear roadway

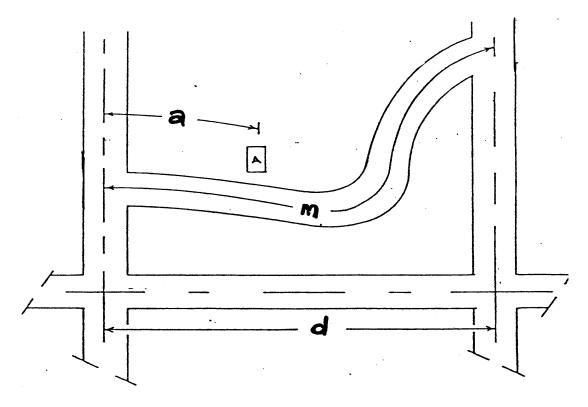


Figure 13. Formula – Ratio for Diagonal, Meandering or Curvilinear Roadways

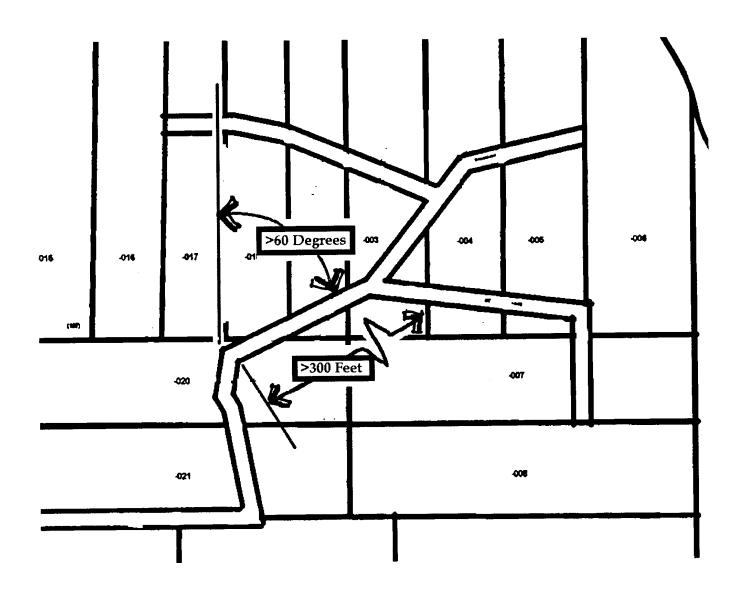


Figure 14. Example – Roads Changing Directions



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HOUSE NUMBER APPEAL REQUEST FORM

			Date:	
Name:		Phone #:		
Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Type of Structure:				
Location of Parcel				
Township:	Section:	Street:		
Property Parcel Number (Tax II	D): 62			
Plat:	Block No.:		Lot No.:	
On the backside of this form, pl	ease draw the exact loo	cation of the h	ouse and drive	e as it relates to
the parcel, if applicable.				
		(signature an	d date)	
Basis for Appeal				
Please Describe the Decision be	eing Appealed:			
Please List the Desired Outcom	e or Remedy Sought:			

Figure 15. Appeal Request Form



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House Number Appeal Fee Schedule

Item	Current Fee
Initial Hearing Fee	\$ 75.00
Additional Fees Per Diem (if applicable) Mileage (if applicable) Publishing (if required)	\$ 25.00 \$.37per mile Actual Cost

Note: Initial Hearing Fee is due with application. All fees are to be paid by the applicant when they are incurred.

Figure 16. Fee Schedule

How To Get A New House Number

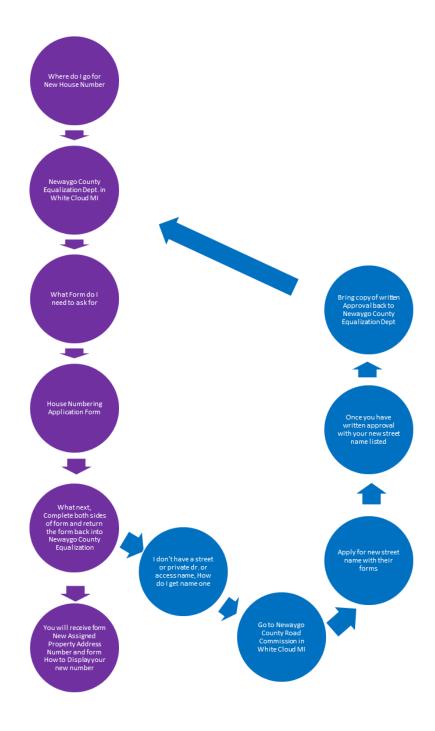


Figure 17. How To Get A New House Number Chart Link to house Number Application

http://www.co	untyofnewaygo.c	com/Resources	/Equalization/	HouseNumber	Application