

MARION TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 1993-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARION TOWNSHIP TO ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS.

SECTION I. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the Building Numbering Ordinance.

SECTION II. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. The Board of Supervisors of Marion Township find that the police, ambulance and fire services have had difficulty locating addresses of homes and businesses on streets and roads due to the lack of lot and building identification numbers. It is therefore, the purpose of this Ordinance to establish a system of numbering all lots on which there is located a dwelling unit or business so that police, ambulance and fire services can locate addresses in emergencies.

SECTION III. AUTHORIZATION. This Ordinance is authorized by Section 702, clauses XXIX, XXXVIII, XLI, XLVII, and LXII of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §65729, §65737, §65741, §65747 and §65762.

SECTION IV. REQUIREMENT OF NUMBERING. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance it shall be the duty of each owner of property to cause each lot or parcel, and each dwelling unit and each business upon each lot or parcel, to be numbered in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION V. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNING ADDRESS NUMBERS. The Zoning Officer shall be responsible for assigning numbers to dwellings and businesses and each occupied lot or parcel. Any owner of property on which there exists a dwelling unit or business which does not presently have a number assigned to it shall apply to the Zoning Officer for assignment of a number.

SECTION VI. POWER TO CHANGE NUMBERS. The Zoning Officer shall have the power and authority to change numbers for the purpose of the orderly numbering of addresses. The Zoning Officer shall change the number of a dwelling or business by sending a notice to the owner notifying the owner of the new number assigned by certified mail, return receipt request, or by personal service, or by posting the notice on the property. The owner of the property receiving such notice shall cause the numbers to be changed within 30 days of receipt or posting of such notice by the Zoning Officer.

SECTION VII. STYLE AND SIZE OF NUMBERS. The numbers shall be Arabic numbers or shall be the English words for numbers, and shall be of durable materials. Each digit or letter shall be at least four (4") inches in height. The colors shall be in contrast with the immediate background so as to be easily readable.

SECTION VIII. LOCATION AND PLACEMENT OF NUMBERS. Numbers shall be located and placed so as to clearly identify the structure containing each dwelling unit or business in accordance with the following regulations:

- a) The numbers shall be placed in a conspicuous place so as to clearly identify the location of the dwelling unit or business.
- b) The placement of the numbers must be such that the numbers can be seen and read from the sidewalk (if any) in front of said dwelling unit or business, from the traveled portion of the street, and from the opposite side of the street.
- c) The number may be placed upon the structure containing the dwelling unit or business or upon the mailbox or upon a fence, wall, post, rod or other type of fixture of substantial nature such that the number shall clearly indicate the location of the dwelling unit or business in accordance with the requirements of this section.

SECTION IX. CONCEALMENT OR CONFUSION. It shall be unlawful to cover or conceal, or to permit the sight obstruction of the numbers required to be displayed by this Ordinance. It shall further be unlawful to post other numbers which would be confusing. All old numbers shall be removed when a new number has been assigned by the Zoning Officer in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION X. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance.

Owner - The term "owner" or owner of property shall include the following: a) legal owner; b) equitable owner; c) lessee or tenant; d) occupant; e) trustee in possession.

Dwelling Unit - A building or portion of a building designed to be occupied by one family for human living quarters.

Business - A building or portion of a building designed and occupied by a non-residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental or other non-residential use.

SECTION XI. EXEMPTIONS. The following buildings and uses shall be exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance:

- a) Farm buildings and structures which are accessory to a farm use except that buildings used for the retail sale of products grown on the farm and farm residences shall be numbered.
- b) Home occupations.

- c) Buildings, structures, uses accessory to the primary use of a commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental or other non-residential use or structure.
- d) Unoccupied farm land or lots containing no dwellings or businesses.

SECTION XII. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars, and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION XIII. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such finding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such part not been included.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this 10th day of May, 1993, by the Supervisors of Marion Township.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARION
TOWNSHIP

William O'Donald, Chairman

Ruth Ann Weight, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned does hereby certify that she is the secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township and that the foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township held on the 10th day of May 1993 by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed, _____ abstaining or _____ absent,

DATED this 10th day of May, 1993.

Ruth Ann Weight, Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township shall consider for adoption of a proposed ordinance at their regular meeting scheduled for _____, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marion Township Municipal Building, Jacksonville, PA.

The title of the proposed Ordinance is:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS.

A brief summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows: The ordinance will make it a duty for each property owner to number each dwelling unit and business on the property. Numbers will be assigned by the zoning officer. Numbers shall be in numerals or in English letters, at least 4 inches high and readable. They shall be conspicuously placed on the premises according to regulations. Penalties of up to \$600 are provided for failure to comply with the ordinance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance has been filed with the Chief Clerk of Centre County and in the offices of the Centre Daily Times, Dale Summit. The ordinance may also be inspected at the Township Municipal Office and copies are available at the cost of copying.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

Louis T. Glantz, Esquire
Solicitor for Marion Township