

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 2291 (16), the Selectboard of the Town of East Montpelier hereby establishes the following civil ordinance regarding Road Naming and Addressing.

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The purpose for this ordinance is to establish a more uniform road naming and addressing system throughout the Town of East Montpelier, to enable people to locate addresses effectively for providing emergency services and deliveries, and thereby promoting the health and safety of the public.

ARTICLE II
ROAD NAMING & ROAD NAME SIGNS

a) Every road, street or trail, whether public or private, which provides access to three or more residences or businesses shall be assigned a name by the Selectboard. All road names will be separate and distinctive. The Selectboard may change the names of roads and name new roads within the Town when necessary to promote the public welfare.

b) The Selectboard, upon adoption of this ordinance, shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of road name signs in accordance with the names it establishes. All signs shall be installed and maintained within Town budget considerations.

ARTICLE III
ADDRESSING

Highways officially named by the Selectboard shall be measured in segments of one/one thousandth (1/1,000th) of a mile, or 5.28 feet, from a starting point designated by the Selectboard or its designee. Numbering of residences and businesses shall begin from the designated starting point commencing with numbers assigned by the Selectboard and increasing as they proceed away from the designated starting point. Beginning at the designated starting point, even numbers shall be assigned to the right side of the road and odd numbers to the left. Numbers shall be assigned in relation to the location of a driveway, the main entrance to a residence or business, or the center of a structure, as deemed most appropriate by the Selectboard or its designee. Multiple unit structures composed of two or more units shall bear one number for the principal building and each unit shall be assigned a letter or number suffix.

ARTICLE IV
POSTING OF DESIGNATED ADDRESSES

a) The owner or occupant or person in charge of a house or other building to which an address has been assigned, is strongly encouraged to affix the number to the structure. Numerals indicating the official numbers for each building should be posted in a manner as to be legible and distinguishable from the street on which the property is located, with letters painted or applied, of a contrasting color to the background, of not less than four inches (4") in height. If a house or other building is situated in such a way that the numbers cannot be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure, then a sign or number post should be used in front of the structure and placed in such a way that it can be easily seen from the roadway. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant or person in charge of any structure to maintain the sign or number post in a good state of repair.

b) The owner or occupant or person in charge thereof, upon affixing the assigned number, should remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the Selectboard.

c) Each building should display the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. A multiple unit structure (two or more units), whether owned by one or more persons or entities, should display one number for the principal building, to be placed in such a manner as to be visible from the road. Each unit in the multiple unit structure shall affix the letter or number suffix assigned to it at or near the front door of the unit.

ARTICLE V
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

a) Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit, the property owner or developer shall procure from the Selectboard or its designee, an official address for each new premises. The owner or occupant or person in charge of any new premises, should display the official number of the premises in a permanent fashion pursuant to Article IV hereof, within sixty (60) days of the completion of construction.

b) When development will involve the construction of new roads or driveways, either public or private, which will provide access to three or more residences or businesses, the developer shall propose road names to the Selectboard as needed, so that the road may be named in accordance with Article II hereof. The developer shall be responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses

associated with the Town of East Montpelier's installation of road name signs for new developments.

ARTICLE VI
PENALTIES

There shall be a fine of \$500.00 for vandalism (stealing, defacing, or destroying) of public signs within the Town of East Montpelier.

ARTICLE VII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

a) Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provision hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

b) Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

c) Issuing Municipal Officials: All officers of the Vermont State Police and the Washington County Sheriff's Department shall be recognized under this ordinance as issuing municipal officials under Article VI (vandalism of public signs).

d) Designation: This ordinance may be referred to as the East Montpelier Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk, shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

e) Publication and Posting: This ordinance shall be published in the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus on the 27th day of April, 1998. Copies of this ordinance shall be posted in five public places within East Montpelier and filed with the East Montpelier Town Clerk on the 23rd day of April, 1998.

f) Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from its date of adoption unless a Permissive Referendum is called for in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 1973.

ADOPTED by the East Montpelier Selectboard at its meeting held on the 15th day of April, 1998.

Thomas H. Brazier
Thomas Brazier, Chair

Edith Miller
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CHECKLIST FOR ADOPTING ROAD NAMING
AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

- 1. OPTIONAL public hearing held: Sept. 25, 1997
Hearing Date
- 2. Ordinance adopted by Selectboard: April 15, 1998
Date Adopted

3. Ordinance posted and published:

Town Clerk's Office, Dudley's Store, Riverbend Store, Morse's Sugar Shack, North Country C.U.
List five public places where ordinance was posted.

The Times Argus, Monday, April 27, 1998
List date and newspaper containing notice of ordinance

4. Ordinance to become effective: June 15, 1998
Date

5. Petition for recall:

None
Date petition rec'd Meeting Date Ordinance upheld (YES/NO)

6. CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION:

I, Sylvia M. Tosi, Town Clerk of the Town of East Montpelier, in the County of Washington, State of Vermont, do hereby certify pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Chapter 102, that the above actions were taken by the appropriate parties with respect to the adoption of the East Montpelier Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance, of which the attached is a true copy.

In witness of which, I hereto set my hand and cause the official seal of the Town of East Montpelier to be affixed.

Sylvia M. Tosi
Sylvia M. Tosi, Town Clerk

6-3-98
Date

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