

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 293

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA TO REQUIRE, REGULATE AND ENFORCE PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERING AND PRIVATE STREET NAME SIGNAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY ENHANCED 911, AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION SYSTEM, FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Township of Indiana is participating in the Allegheny County Enhanced 911 System which provides for improved police, fire and emergency services, and the Allegheny County 911 System, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, has developed and is implementing a standardized, county-wide system of property address numbering for use throughout Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, a standardized system of property address numbering by all participating municipalities and placement of street name signs for private roadways, better enables emergency response personnel to locate persons requiring assistance and make the Enhanced 911 System more effective, and is authorized by Section 1520 of the Second Class Township Code and other sections permitting regulation for the public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Indiana Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. STREET NUMBER REGULATIONS. The owners of all buildings or property within the Township to which street numbers have been assigned in accordance with Allegheny County 911 System shall have the street number prominently displayed at all times in accordance with the following standards. For the purpose of this Ordinance, a "street number" is an address number established in accordance with the County wide 911 system with reference to the adjacent road or street assigned and given to a particular building or property:

- a. Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have a street number displayed upon the building and the mail box (if applicable) except that for buildings which are located a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the

nearest public roadway or upon which signage cannot be attached that would be readable from the nearest public roadway by reason of natural or manmade obstructions, the owner of said property shall be required to provide posted signage within twenty (20) feet of the public roadway, which post shall have affixed thereon the street number which has been assigned to the building.

1. The signage on the house shall be within the proximity of the front door.
  2. Numbers of signage within twenty feet of the roadway shall be placed on a post in a vertical position or a mailbox in a horizontal or vertical position.
  3. Numbers to be of contrasting color, 4 inches by 1" wide.
- b. If, for any reason, the street number of a particular building is not readily identifiable by posted signage along the roadway whether due to the proximity of multiple buildings with different street numbers or some other reason, then the street number should be affixed to the building as well as posted by the road. Similarly, if a single building has multiple street numbers or apartment numbers such as a professional building or apartment, a building directory should be posted at the main entrance of the building.

**SECTION 2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITY.** It shall be unlawful to cover, conceal, obstruct, destroy, remove, deface or vandalize any street number or road/street name sign installed or displayed pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT.** Upon determining that a building or property owner has not complied with the street or road name signage regulations of this Ordinance, then the Indiana Township Board of Supervisors or its designated representative, may pursue any of the following enforcement remedies:

- a. The Township may provide written notice to the owners, occupants and other persons in possession of buildings or property which has not been numbered in accordance with these regulations, of the violation and the need to comply.
- b. In the event that persons persist in refusing to comply with these regulations despite notices to do so, the Township may issue a written order directing the owners, occupants or others in possession of the buildings or property in violation of this Ordinance to comply with the applicable requirements of this Ordinance. Any person who is aggrieved by any order issued pursuant to this Ordinance may appeal to the Township Supervisors by filing a written notice

of appeal with the office of the Township Manager within Ten (10) days of the date of the subject order or notice.

- c. In the event the property Owners or occupants or possessors fail or refuse to take action in accordance with the notices and an order issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the Township may provide the signage, as necessary, in order to bring the property owner into compliance with the standards promulgated in this Ordinance. The Township may recover the cost of material and labor for the purchase and installation of signage, reasonable administrative fees, interest or other charges allowed by law from the property owners, occupants or possessors.

In the event the owners, occupants or possessors of the subject property fail to pay the cost of such installation as determined and approved, the Township may institute proceedings of law to collect the full costs together with all penalties, interest, fees, and other charges which are authorized by applicable law, or may take action to assess these costs and charges against the premises and the owners thereof and collect same as a municipal lien or may take other action to collect these sums as may be permitted by law.

SECTION 4. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Any person who shall be found to have engaged in the prohibited unlawful conduct as set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance or who shall willfully fail to comply with any order to comply with the street numbering regulations, shall be subject to penalty as provided in the Codified Ordinances of the Township.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTS. Should any of the require provisions of this Ordinance become a matter of conflict regarding the placement of signage requiring the need of mediation, the Indiana Township Board of Supervisors will designate the Chief of Police as mediator to reach an appropriate decision regarding the correct placement of the signage.

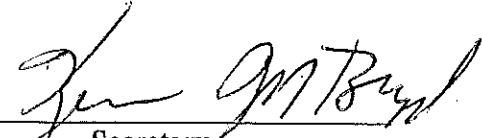
SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. Should any section or part of any provision of this Ordinance be declared by appropriate authority to be unlawful or unconstitutional, all other items, conditions, provisions and parts hereof, and of any Code of which this Ordinance may be or may be considered to be part, shall continue in full force and effect as if the provision declared to be unlawful or unconstitutional had been omitted as of the date of the final enactment hereof.

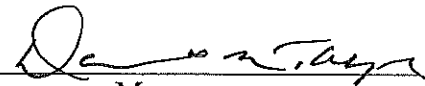
SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Indiana Township Board of Supervisors of Allegheny County this 28th day of April, 1998.

Attest:


Township of Indiana

  
Secretary

By   
Mayor

(SEAL)

Approved as to form:

  
Solicitor