

TOWN OF STARKSBORO ROAD NAMING & ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

SECTION I - PURPOSE

In accordance with 24 VSA 2291 (16) and 24 VSA 4421 the Selectboard for the Town of Starksboro hereby establishes the following ordinance in order to develop a more uniform road numbering and addressing system throughout the Town of Starksboro. This will provide for the advent of the statewide enhanced 911 service, as well as enabling emergency services and deliveries to locate addresses promptly.

SECTION II - ROAD NAMING

Every road or street shall be assigned a name by the Selectboard that is separate and distinct from any previously assigned in the Town of Starksboro. Roads or private rights of way with three or more dwelling units shall be named. Private rights of way will be named Lane, Drive, or Circle.

SECTION III - ROAD SIGNS

Upon adoption of this ordinance, the Selectboard shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of Road Name signs in accordance with the names established by this ordinance. All Road Name signs, public and private, will be of uniform size conforming in length, height, reflective color scheme, and character type and size.

SECTION IV - GENERAL NUMBERING SYSTEM GUIDELINES

- A. All roads shall be measured in increments of 5.28 feet (1/1000 of a mile) from a designated starting point, usually that end of the road which connects to a larger traffic artery.
- B. From the designated starting point Odd numbers are on the left and Even numbers are on the right. Numbers shall be assigned based on the 5.28 feet increment.
- C. All numbers shall be assigned in relation to the center of a driveway or entrance to a location where possible.
- D. All numbers shall be properly affixed on or near the front entrance or in some other manner as to be visible from the street. The numbers shall be legible figures not less than three inches (3") high using a contrasting color. The homeowner or occupant is responsible for the numbers on the house or unit. If a house is not visible from the road, the homeowner or occupant shall place or affix a number at a point at or by the driveway visible from the road.
- E. House numbers may be obtained free of charge at the Town Clerk's Office within the 60 days after being notified of the new address. After the 60 day period, numbers can be purchased at cost at the Town Office.

SECTION V - FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Prior to the acceptance of any future roads by the Selectboard and the issuance of a Zoning Permit, or a proposal to change a road name, the proponent shall furnish a plan for a road naming and numbering system in accordance with this ordinance to the town E911 coordinator. The E-911 coordinator will consult with the Fire Department, U.S. Postal Service, Road Forman, and EMS providers before presenting a new or revised road naming recommendation to the Selectboard. The final authority to approve new or changed road names lies with the Selectboard.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC NOTICE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Town of Starksboro shall, with the cooperative efforts of the U.S. Postal Service, ensure that each property owner is notified of this ordinance and their newly designated address.

This ordinance will be posted in at least three conspicuous places within the Town of Starksboro, and the full text of the Ordinance will be published in the Addison County Independent not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date that the ordinance shall take effect.

SECTION VII - NON-COMPLIANCE AND FINES

There will be a \$250 fine for any vandalism (stealing, defacing, or destroying) of any public road sign within the Town of Starksboro. If after sixty (60) days from notification from the Postal Service of the new address, the proper numbers are not in place, or if numbers at a location are not maintained, the E-911 coordinator is authorized to recover the following civil penalties for violating this ordinance:

- 1st Offense Notice: Written warning
- 2nd Offense Notice: \$50 fine
- Subsequent Offense Notices: \$75 fine each notice.

SECTION VIII - SEVERABILITY

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected hereby.

SECTION IX - ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Starksboro on this 5th day of May, 2026, and shall become effective sixty (60) days from said date.

Town of Starksboro Selectboard:

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