

Benton County Ordinance No. 339

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING
PRIMARY STRUCTURE 911 ADDRESS SIGNS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE.

This ordinance is intended to insure that all primary structures are clearly and uniformly identified by an orderly system of addresses so that law enforcement and emergency personnel can respond quickly to requests for assistance. This ordinance will promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and is enacted pursuant to Minn. Stat. §429.021.

SECTION 2 - SCOPE.

This ordinance shall be applicable to all unincorporated areas of Benton County.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS.

Driveway: A private road providing vehicular access to a primary structure.

Primary Structure: A building in which is conducted the principle use of the lot or parcel on which it is located.

SECTION 4 - UNIFORM ADDRESS SYSTEM.

- A. Each primary structure in the county shall be assigned a separate and distinct address.
- B. Road names and addresses shall be assigned by the director of the Department of Development, or such other individual as designated by the Benton County Board of Commissioners. The assigned address numbers shall be displayed in conformity with the following standards:
 1. A sign measuring 16 inches wide by 6 inches high shall be placed on a post set into the ground in a location that is within the right-of-way of the nearest public roadway, within 10 feet of the primary structure driveway, at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the roadway, and within 10 feet of the boundary between the right-of-way and the property line on which the primary structure is located. (See sketch, Exhibit A).
 2. If a driveway serves more than one primary structure, the 911 sign shall be placed on that side of the driveway that is closest to the primary structure designated by the sign.

Coordinator

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3. The sign shall be blue in color, and have white numerals made of reflective material. The numerals shall be at least four inches in height.
4. The sign shall be placed at a height of no less than four feet above the surface of the adjacent driveway.
5. The face of the sign must be perpendicular to the nearest public roadway.
6. The address number shall be placed on the sign horizontally, so that it can be read from left to right.

SECTION 5 - IMPLEMENTATION.

- A. Benton County will purchase, prepare and install 911 address signs for each primary structure existing in the unincorporated areas of the county at the time of the enactment of the ordinance. Any costs incurred by the county for the purchase, installation or maintenance of signs, posts and markers for addressing pursuant to this ordinance, shall be assessed upon the property benefitted by the improvement, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §429.051.
- B. Benton County will provide signs for primary structures erected after the enactment of this ordinance, as well as replacement signs for those that are lost, damaged or destroyed. These signs will be provided to the property owners through the Department of Development for a fee to be determined by the Benton County Board of Commissioners. The property owner will be responsible for obtaining and installing signs in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance. Property owners must maintain and install signs in accordance with this ordinance within 30 days of the loss of a pre-existing sign, or within 30 days of the construction of a primary structure.
- C. Any property owner who fails or refuses to purchase and install a sign as required by this ordinance shall be responsible for the cost of the sign and installation if such sign is installed by the county. Said costs will be assessed upon the property pursuant to Minn. Stat. §429.051.

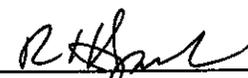
SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THIS 15 DAY OF JANUARY, 2002.


Duane Cekalla, Chair

ATTEST:


Rick Speak
County Coordinator

IV. STRUCTURE SIGN PLACE

