

**CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP  
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE POSTING OF ADDRESS NUMBERS ON  
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

An Ordinance of Clifford Township to provide for uniform and readily observable street address identification system for all occupied properties in the Township both residential and commercial. This is to enable the fast, efficient and reliable performance of emergency response including police, fire and medical services throughout Clifford Township. With the establishment of a county wide 911 communications system and unique identification numbers being provided to each address, it is incumbent on the citizens of the Township to enable that identification number to be associated with the actual physical location of the property to enable the system to work at its full potential.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Clifford, County of Susquehanna and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

**ADOPTION OF STREET NUMBER ORDINANCE**

**Section 101 TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the 911 Street Address Ordinance.

DEFINITIONS

1. Principal Building - Any building or structure present on a tract of land in which a regular occupancy or use is carried out. This includes a dwelling, place of business, or industry, or any other use requiring a location identity.

**Section 102 INTENT AND AUTHORITY.** The purpose of this ordinance are as follows:

1. To require all commercial and residential properties within the Township to visibly post their assigned 911 address number to allow for reliable and fast emergency services.

2. Street address numbers shall be listed with Arabic numerals. The numbers shall be sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing, size and uniformity of numerals so that the numbers may be read with ease during all hours by a person possessing normal vision from the nearest roadway.

3. The numbers shall be placed and maintained such that trees shrubs and other obstructions do not block the visibility as viewed from the center of the facing street.

4. The signs shall be visible at night and the numbers thereon shall be made of a reflective material to allow for visibility in the dark.

5. At a minimum, signs shall be located at the end of the driveway to the building. In instances where driveways are shared by multiple principal buildings the front of each individual building shall also be so marked with the 911 address number. In this instance, signs shall be posted in the general vicinity of the main entrance or path of travel which leads to the principal buildings. mailboxes may be used to display the numbers but in a way that is visible on both sides of the mailbox or support post. If mailboxes are located side by side the numbers shall be placed on the front of the boxes such to make them visible.

6. A violation of this Ordinance shall be reported to the landowner with instructions to come into compliance within (20) twenty days. If the landowner fails to comply, a fine of not more than \$300 may be levied against the landowner. Each week that is a violation of this part is a separate offense. The Township through its agents may post a sign and a lien then placed on the property for the costs of the same.

#### **Section 107 SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS:**

1. Should any part of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid, preempted by other legislation, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Ordinance should not invalidate the

remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

2. Any ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed.

3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on the

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 4th day of January, 2020.

by the Board of Supervisors in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF CLIFFORD

By:

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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SUPERVISOR

  
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