

**ARTICLE IV**  
**BUILDING NUMBERING**

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**§2-401. Street Number Regulations**

The owners of all building or property within the Township to which street numbers have been assigned shall have the street number prominently displayed in accordance with the following standards. For purposes of this Article, a “street number” is an address number assigned and given to a particular building or property by the Butler County Emergency Management Services and U.S. Postal Service.

- A. Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have a street number displayed upon the building except that for buildings which are located a distance greater than one hundred feet (100’) from the nearest public roadway or upon which signage cannot be attached which 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 fifty feet (50’) of the pavement edge/cartway of the public roadways, which post shall have affixed thereon a street number which has been assigned to the building.
- B. The assigned street numbers shall be either affixed directly to the building or post or displayed upon a sign affixed to the building or post. In addition to numbers affixed to the building or post, if the building provides a rural-style mailbox along the roadway, assigned street numbers shall be placed on the box so they can be seen by emergency personnel approaching from either direction.
- C. The street numbers shall be displayed in such a manner that the numbers will contrast in color with the background and will be observed and readable from the nearest public roadway. All numbers shall be in standard Arabic numerals, not less than four inches (4”) in height. The numbers shall be reflective for greater night-time visibility.
- D. 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 shall be affixed to the building as well as posted by the road.
- E. If a single building has multiple street numbers or apartment numbers, then a building directory shall be posted at the main entrance.

**§2-402. Private Roadway Signs**

The owner or owners of all private drives, roadways or easements used for vehicle access to multiple properties where the drives and roadways are not recognized as Township roads and which are referenced in the addresses of property owners whose residence or business abuts said private drives or roadways shall, in addition to the other requirements set forth in this Article, install a sign which identifies the private road or private drive name as adopted by the Township, with said signage to be placed at the entrance where the private road or private drive intersects with the public roadway, in such manner so as to be readily observable by persons traveling upon the public roadway, but not creating an obstruction to visibility of motorists.

#### **§2-403. Prohibited Activities**

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

#### **§2-404. Enforcement**

The proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized to take necessary and proper action to establish, implement and enforce the standardized system of property address numbering and street/road name sign placement as provided for in this Article and to comply with the requirements of the Automatic Location Information needs of the Butler 9-1-1 System.

Upon determining that a building or property owner has not complied with the street numbering or road name signage regulations of this Article, the Township Supervisors or their designated representative, with the Supervisors' consent, may pursue any of the following enforcement remedies:

- A. The Supervisors 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 need to comply.
- B. In the event that persons persist in refusing to comply with these regulations despite notices to do so, the Supervisors may issue a written order directing the owners, occupants or others in possession of the buildings or property in violation of this Article to comply with the applicable requirements of this Article. Any person who is aggrieved by any order issued pursuant to this Article may appeal to the Township Supervisors by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the Township Secretary within ten (10) days of the date of the subject order of 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 Article, the Township Supervisors may provide the signage, as necessary, in order to bring the property owner into compliance with the standards promulgated in this Article. The Township

may recover the cost of materials and labor for the purchase and installation of signage from the property owners, occupants or possessors reasonable administrative fees, interest or other charges allowed by law.

In the event the owners, occupants or possessors of the subject property fail to pay the cost of such installation as determined and approved, then the Township may institute proceedings at 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 take other action to collect these sums as may be permitted by law.

**§2-405. Penalty for Violation**

Any person who shall be found to have engaged in prohibited unlawful conduct as set forth in this Article or who shall willingly fail to comply with the street numbering regulations, shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), together with court costs, and upon default in payment of the fine, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.