

TOWNSHIP OF BRUCE

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 172

BRUCE TOWNSHIP STREET NUMBER ORDINANCE

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE providing for the numbering and identification of all principal buildings and premises within the Township of Bruce by the posting of street numbers upon the premises or on said buildings and repealing all ordinances or resolutions in conflict therewith.

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUCE,
COUNTY OF MACOMB, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Bruce Township Street Number Ordinance."

SECTION 2. ASSIGNMENT OF BUILDING NUMBERS

The principal building on each premises fronting on a street or road in Bruce Township shall be assigned a street number by the Township Clerk. The street number for a new principal building hereafter constructed shall be assigned by the Clerk coincidental with issuance of the building permit.

SECTION 3. DUTY OF OWNER, OCCUPANT OR AGENT IN CHARGE

The owner, occupant or agent in charge of a principal building on each premises fronting on a street or road shall install and maintain the assigned identifying number of such building as provided herein. In the case of a principal building containing

multiple dwelling units, or a commercial or industrial development having multiple units within each principal building, or multiple buildings, the owner, occupant or agent in charge of such buildings shall install and maintain assigned identifying numbers or letters as herein provided.

SECTION 4. LOCATION OF BUILDING NUMBER

A. DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS.

A post shall be located not more than twenty (20') feet from the edge of the abutting street or road right-of-way and not more than ten (10') feet from the vehicular entrance or drive to the single family residential dwelling and shall be installed to conform with the following requirements:

1. Said post shall be composed of a break-away material not to exceed four (4") inches in thickness and the assigned numbers shall be vertically affixed to the post. The numbers shall be a minimum of four (4") inches in height, contrasting in color with the color of the post and be made of reflective material. The first number on the post shall not be more than forty-eight (48") inches above ground level and the last number shall be displayed not less than twenty-four (24") inches above ground level.
2. Numbers on the post shall be visible to traffic approaching from both directions on the street or road abutting the premises.
3. Mailboxes and mailbox posts shall not be utilized as a substitute for compliance with this ordinance requirement.

B. MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

Multiple residential buildings shall be identified by one (1) placard affixed to each building displaying the assigned building number. The number or letter assigned to each unit within each building must be posted on or near the principal entrance of

each building so as to clearly identify the location of each such unit. The placard shall be a color which contrasts with the color of the immediate background on which it is mounted and be visible from the abutting street. Buildings with two (2) or more units shall contain at least two (2) such placards placed at opposite ends of the building which shall face the street or road abutting the premises upon which the building is located. A map locating and identifying by number or letter all units within each building shall be filed with the Township Clerk and each and every police, fire and ambulance company having jurisdiction and/or servicing the building(s) and premises.

C. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND DEVELOPMENTS.

All commercial and industrial buildings shall display the assigned street number. Assigned numbers shall be placed on the front and rear of all new and existing commercial and industrial buildings located on the premises which have frontage on two (2) parallel streets or a parallel street and alley. The numbers displayed on the rear of the building shall be not less than five (5') feet nor more than twelve (12') feet above ground level so as to be clearly visible from a vehicle operated on the abutting street or alley.

SECTION 5. MAINTENANCE

The owner, occupant or agent in charge of the principal building and premises shall maintain the post, placard or numbers, as the case may be, in good condition and free from visual obstructions.

SECTION 6. VARIANCE

The Township Fire Chief, or his/her designee, may grant a variance from the strict application of this Ordinance as to the location, size and type of post or placard displaying the assigned street address upon a showing that compliance with Ordinance by a property owner poses practical difficulties and/or undue hardship, or that the proposed alternate display of the street number address is the function equivalent of Ordinance requirements.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT

The Bruce Township Building Official and the Bruce Township Fire Chief, or their designees, shall enforce this Ordinance. Issuance of an appearance ticket for violation of the Ordinance shall be preceded by a Notice of Violation which affords the violator thirty (30) days to correct such violation. The Notice of Violation shall be served upon the owner, occupant or person in charge of such building by first class mail.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES

Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 9. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. PUBLICATION

A true copy of this Ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the Romeo Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Bruce, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of publication of a true copy or a summary thereof in a newspaper circulating within the Township of Bruce as heretofore provided in Section 10.