

ORDINANCE NO. IV-6JASPER COUNTY, IOWA  
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**ORDINANCE**  
**TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM ADDRESS SYSTEM**  
**IN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JASPER COUNTY**

This ordinance, under the provisions of Chapter 331 of the Code of Iowa, mandates the use of a uniform address system for residents of all unincorporated areas of Jasper County in order to establish a familiar system of addresses that follow orderly assignments, to promote the accurate and timely provisions of emergency services, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public.

**SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

A. For purposes of this ordinance, terms and words used in the present tense shall include the future, the singular number shall include the plural, and the plural includes the singular. The word "shall" and the word "will" are mandatory; the word "may" is permissive.

B. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and terms shall be defined as follows:

"Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.

"Subdivision" shall mean the division of a tract of land into separate lots or

parcels for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development, or land so divided and platted.

"Improved Property" shall mean a parcel of real property upon which there is constructed or placed a residence, commercial establishment, or mobile home capable of or designed and intended for human habitation or use.

"Unincorporated Area" shall mean all land located outside the city limits of municipalities which are incorporated with the State of Iowa. Such land is under the jurisdiction of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

"County Engineer" shall mean the Jasper County Engineer or designated assistant.

"Base Maps" shall mean the maps used by the Jasper County 911 agency coordinating the uniform rural address system in Jasper County and are maintained by the County Engineer. Such maps shall indicate all addresses in Jasper County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 2: RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM**

- A. A Rural Address System, including roadway names as defined in Ordinance IV-3 and amendments thereto, and residence numbers as set forth in the base maps, is hereby adopted.
- B. The Rural Address System shall apply to the entire unincorporated area of Jasper County.

- C. The County Engineer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Rural Address System in Jasper County, including, but not limited to, assigning addresses and designating the numbers to be assigned to existing and subsequently constructed residences, commercial establishments, subdivisions and mobile home parks, as well as updating base maps carrying each individual address assignment.
- D. The Jasper County 911 Coordinator will enforce the provisions of this ordinance, including the institution of such proceedings against persons violating such provisions as may from time to time be necessary to secure the observance of same and other duties necessary to insure the effectiveness of the system. Upon notification of a missing, damaged, or misplaced address number sign, said resident shall comply with provisions of this ordinance within twenty (20) calendar days following notification of the violation.
- E. Jasper County will provide every person owning, controlling, occupying, or using any house, store, storeroom, or building situated on premises fronting any public way as provided in Section 2-B, an initial permanent marker indicating the assigned number for said premises. Any house number existing and different than the newly assigned number, at the time the provisions of this ordinance take effect and the new number is installed, shall be removed.

The permanent marker with the house number affixed shall be placed to the right of the driveway entrance, at or within two feet of the right of way line, as one faces the property from the road.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to accessory buildings, but may apply to such buildings located on a separate unit of frontage, if requested by the owner or proprietor and approved by the County Engineer.

Replacement markers, where and when required, shall be obtained from the County Engineer for a reasonable fee. Only such approved residence markers may be erected to obtain compliance herewith. The replacement marker shall carry the number assigned to the property by the County Engineer and be placed to the right of the driveway, at or within two feet of the right of way line, as one faces the property from the road.

Property owner or resident shall be responsible for removing any vegetative growth which is found to interfere with the visibility of the address marker sign.

### SECTION 3: NEW CONSTRUCTION

The owner of any building, residence, or commercial establishment constructed after the effective date of this ordinance shall comply with all provisions herein, prior to commencement of such construction.

### SECTION 4: PENALTY

Any person who fails to comply, refusal to use the Uniform Rural Address System, or the intentional removal of, damaging, defacing, alteration, or destruction of the Uniform Rural Address marker which indicates a premises-assigned number or the removal, damaging, alteration, or destruction of a rural address system marker

intentionally by one who has no right to so act may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by the imprisonment of not more than 30 days.

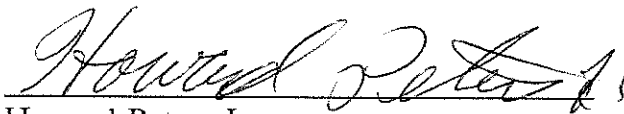
SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a show or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

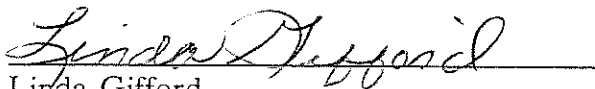
SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon it's final passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and Approved this 14th day of December, 1993.



Howard Peters, Jr.  
Chairman  
Jasper County Board of Supervisors



Linda Gifford  
Auditor  
Jasper County

