

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-2

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE STREET ADDRESS NUMBERS TO BE DISPLAYED ON ALL OCCUPIED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Street address numbers and addressing standards

A. Addressing standards and guidelines as promulgated by the Enhanced 911 System of the County and by the County Addressing Department, as the same may be amended or modified from time to time, subject to agreements with the City of Midfield, are hereby adopted by reference.

B. All buildings, residences, mobile homes, or other fixed structures, within the corporate limits of the City of Midfield shall have address numerals/characters permanently and visibly displayed on the premises, on the mailbox post when said mailbox is located on the subject property, or on a free-standing post located at the driveway leading to the structure, so as to identify the location. When numerals are located on mailbox post or free standing post, numerals must be visible from both directions of travel.

(1) For the purposes of this section, an address for display is defined as the numerals and/or characters assigned in compliance with Enhanced 911 and the County Addressing Department to a specific location, but does not contain the street or road name.

(2) All numerals shall be Arabic numerals a minimum of three (3) inches high, of a contrasting color to the surface of the structure on which they are attached. All numerals shall be maintained in a clearly legible condition.

(3) Address numerals shall be displayed where readily visible from the primary street or road on which the structure is addressed.

(4) Whenever a building is located more than 60 feet from the street right of way, the street address shall be displayed on a free standing marker, or on a curb type mailbox but may be on the building if visible from the street if the numerals are increased in size.

Section 2. Compliance Standards

A. New Construction - Upon commencement of initial construction of a new structure, a clearly visible free-standing sign or post shall be erected and maintained in place until the permanent address numerals are attached or otherwise displayed upon the premises at completion.

B. New Structures - Permanent address numerals must be in place prior to receipt of a certificate of occupancy.

(1) Single family residential structures and mobile homes must have the address displayed on the premises, on the mailbox post when said mailbox is located on the subject property, or on a free-standing post located at the driveway leading to the structure, all visible from street right of way.

(2) Duplex structures must have the numeric address displayed as well as the suite or unit number. This may be displayed on the premises, on the mailbox post assigned to that unit when said mailbox is located on the subject property, or on a free-standing post located at the driveway leading to the unit so as to identify the location.

(3) Multi-family structures must have the numeric address of the site or of the individual building displayed on the premise and the apartment number shall be displayed on the door or near the entrance to each unit.

(4) Business structures must have the address displayed either on the building face or upon a post or free standing sign situated at the driveway or entrance to the property when numbering on the structure is not readily visible from the street. A mailbox post may be used if the mailbox is situated near the street. In a business complex, each building shall have the numeric address displayed upon the building and suite or unit numbers displayed on the door or near the entrance to each unit.

C. Existing Structures - The resident or current occupant of any dwelling, the owner, manager, or occupant of any business structure, or the owner of any structure that is not occupied, is responsible for compliance with this section, and permanent addresses numerals shall be attached or otherwise displayed upon the structure or premises within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this ordinance as described in the applicable section B. (1), (2), (3), or (4) above.

Section 3. Compliance

It shall be a violation of this ordinance to fail to display the address as prescribed herein, or to display any address not officially assigned.

Section 4. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this ordinance shall constitute a violation and may be prosecuted in the City of Midfield Municipal Court punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months.

Section 5. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6. Severability

If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of June, 2007.

Gary Richardson
Mayor

Attest: _____

Cedric M. Brown
City Clerk