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TOWN OF WORCESTER

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE NAMING AND NUMBERING OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

SECTION I. Authority.

This ordinance is adopted under the authority of 24 V.S.A. sections 1971, 2291(16) and 4421.

SECTION II. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a system for naming town highways and numbering properties in order to facilitate the delivery of emergency services by providing easily locatable addresses.

SECTION III. Severability.

If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION IV. Naming of highways.

The Selectboard shall make the final decision on the official name for any public or private road in the Town of Worcester. Each name shall be separate and distinct from any other highway name in Worcester.

SECTION V. Numbering of locations.

A. Numbering shall be done in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service and shall allow for a separate, distinctive number for every fifty (50) feet of frontage on a town road.

B. Numbering shall start from the end of the town highway nearest to the center of town and proceed outward. (The center of town is considered to be the Town Hall, for purposes of this ordinance.)

C. Even numbers shall be assigned to properties on the west and south sides of highways. Odd numbers shall be assigned to properties on the east and north sides of highways.

D. Buildings containing multiple units (e.g. apartments, living area and business, multiple businesses, etc.) shall be assigned a single number based on the location of access to the town highway and each separate unit within the building shall have a distinctive letter designation (e.g. Calais Rd. 4437A and 4437B).

VI. SIGNS AND NUMBERS.

A. The Town will install road name signs and shall maintain them to the highest degree possible allowed by budgetary considerations. Signs shall conform to a uniform standard adopted by the Selectboard.

B. The property owner shall be responsible for providing numbers identifying his or her property within 30 days of the notice provided by the Town and the Postal Service. Such numbers must be:

- easily visible from the town highway (located on a post, mailbox, house, etc.); and
- at least four (4) inches high (preferably

reflectorized).

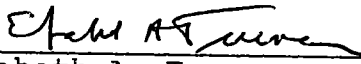
Where emergency vehicles could approach from either direction, it is advisable to post numbers which can be seen easily from either direction. The property owner shall also remove any old numbers on the property which could cause confusion.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

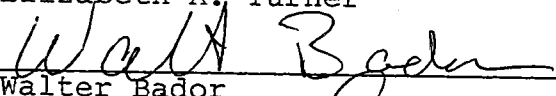
This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Worcester Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. section 1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

Adopted by the Selectboard on June 8, 1994

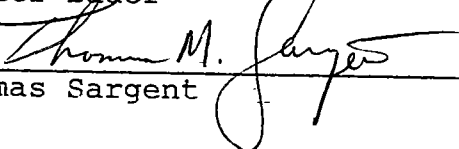
This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the Town records and shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of it shall be published in the Times Argus within fourteen days of its adoption accompanied by information as to where the full text of it may be examined, the right of the voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about it. The ordinance shall become effective sixty days after its adoption unless a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Worcester asking for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the Town Clerk or the Selectboard within forty four days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such petition is filed, the Selectboard shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance or sixty days after its adoption.



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