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HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 96-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,  
BEAVER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA REQUIRING RURAL  
ROUTE ADDRESSES AND REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF  
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS BY  
PROPERTY OWNERS FOR EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania (the "Township") is a first class Township organized and existing under the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, many buildings in Hopewell Township are not numbered so as to be readily located and identified from the street front for emergency purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, many rural route buildings in Hopewell Township do not have addresses; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and employees located in unnumbered buildings and rural route buildings without addresses in Hopewell Township is jeopardized in the event of a fire or other emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency police, fire and rescue personnel could greatly improve their response time to emergency situations if buildings were addressed and numbered so as to be readily located and identified from the street front; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is statutorily authorized to require the numbering of buildings pursuant to title 53 Section 56522 Pa. C.S.A.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, A Township of the First Class, Beaver County Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department, deems it necessary to require that all residential and commercial buildings located within Hopewell Township be numbered and rural route buildings to have an address in order that they be readily located and identified in the event of an emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, a municipal corporation under the First Class Township Code, situate in the County of Beaver and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, **AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**

(1) That pursuant to the Authority contained in the First Class Township Code all owners of residential and commercial buildings located within Hopewell Township shall number their buildings so as to be readily located and identified from the street front for emergency purposes.

(2) All structures situate in the Township must post and display their house number identification.

(3) All I.D. numbers must be permanently affixed to the facade of the structure and be maintained in good condition.

(4) All identification numbers must be displayed on a 4 inch standard and be clearly visible from the street frontage of the lot (unobstructed by roof overhangs, plantings, shrubbery, etc.)

(5) In the event that the 4 inch standard house I.D. number is not clearly visible from the street frontage of the lot where the structure is located, a self supporting 4 inch standard will be posted and displayed closer to the street which shall be clearly visible.

(6) Any building without an address or a number, especially those on rural routes, shall be assigned an address by the Township of Hopewell.

(7) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, for each week that such violation continues. In the event of default of payment of such fine and costs, any violator shall be imprisoned for not more than two (2) days for each such violation.

(8) Any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of its passage to allow opportunity for compliance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED into law by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1996.

Datman L. Young  
Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
Robert J. Cross  
Chairman of Board of Commissioners  
of Hopewell Township