

ORDINANCE # 20  
AN ORDINANCE NAMING ROADS AND ASSIGNING  
STREET NUMBERS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
OF SCOTLAND COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCOTLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide the legal authority for the development of a coherent and organized non-duplicative system of naming roads and assigning street numbers in the unincorporated areas of Scotland County, thereby improving dispatching capabilities and reducing response time of public safety agencies and providing improved information to the United States Postal Service, Public Utilities, and the public at large.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

The authority for the enactment of this Ordinance is found at General Statute 153A-240.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION

The Building Inspection Department of Scotland County shall be responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Road Naming and Street Numbering Project. The Chief Building Inspector shall be the responsible official. Further, the Board of County Commissioners shall perform those functions assigned to the Board by G. S. 153A-240.

SECTION 4. COORDINATION

The Chief Building Inspector shall coordinate the Road Naming and Street Numbering Program with the Subdivision Plat Review Program and Building Permit Program also administered within his department. Specifically, subdividers shall be provided with technical assistance by the Building Inspection Department early in the process of plat development in order to avoid duplicative or deceptively similar road names are not utilized in new subdivisions and shall also advise the subdivider of the basic procedures used in the street numbering process. The Department shall also require the use of the uniform street numbering process through the development phase of the subdivision. Also, new street numbers for new structures built in Scotland County shall be assigned by the Building Inspection Department as part of the building permit issuance process. Prior to the final inspection approval and the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, the builder shall be required to physically affix the street number to the new structure consistent with the departments specifications.

SECTION 5. NEW SECONDARY ROADS

As new secondary roads are built within Scotland County and as existing private roads are added to the State maintained system of secondary roads, the County Manager's Office shall coordinate his efforts with those of the Building Inspector's Office. Specifically, the Building Inspection Department shall be provided copies of petitions by land owners requesting the addition of private roads to the State maintained road system (Form SR 1). He shall also furnish copies of road additions Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners to the Building Inspection Department (Form SR 2). The new official name shall be included on the Resolution Form SR 2, prior to its submittal to the N. C. Board of Transportation.

SECTION 6. OFFICIAL LIST

The official list of road names and street numbers in the unincorporated portions of Scotland County as amended from time to time, is herein adopted by reference as if fully set out herein.

SECTION 7. STABILITY

In order to successfully achieve the benefits of the program an overall approach toward stability will be followed. Arbitrary changes of street names shall be avoided, thereby preventing confusion among public safety agencies, public utilities, and the general public. Such stability will also minimize construction cost associated with the erection and maintenance of street signs. Road name changes not initiated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Scotland County Government, or any of its municipalities, shall be formally reviewed only after the payment of a \$200.00 processing fee, plus advertising cost and sign reinstallation cost.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

When renaming is unavoidable, said renaming shall not occur until the Board of County Commissioners has held a Public Hearing on the question. At least ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing the Board of Commissioners shall cause notice of the time and place and subject matter of the hearing to be prominently posted at the Courthouse and in at least two public places in the township or townships where the road is located, and shall publish notice of such hearing in at least one newspaper of general publication located within the County. After the naming or renaming of a public road or changing the street number assignment system, a notice of this action shall be given to the local Postmaster with jurisdiction over the road, to the Board of Transportation, and to all the municipalities within Scotland County.

SECTION 9. STREET SIGNS

Within its overall limitations of financial resources and manpower, Scotland County shall erect and maintain reflectorized street name signs throughout the unincorporated portion of Scotland County. Developers of new subdivisions shall be required to erect these signs consistent with the specifications of Scotland County which generally are consistent with the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program. Scotland County shall, subject to its financial and manpower resources limitations, erect street signs within existing subdivisions whose roads are part of the State maintained system. Owners of private subdivisions, with privately owned roads generally accessible to the public are herein encouraged to apply to the Inspections Department for erection of the aforesaid type of street signs with the cost to be shared on a 50% basis by Scotland County and the Developer. Scotland County shall not participate financially in the erection of signs in private sub-divisions served by internal roads not generally accessible to the general public. However, road names and street numbers shall be assigned, listed, and mapped for privately owned roads not generally accessible to the general public.

SECTION 10. DISTRIBUTION OF THE OFFICIAL LIST

The official list and accompanying maps shall be available to commercial firms

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public on a cost recovery basis. The Building Inspection Department shall maintain an inventory of distribution copies duplicated by an outside printer. The charge for distribution copies of the official list and the accompanying map shall be \$200.00.

SECTION 11. DISPLAY OF STREET NUMBERS

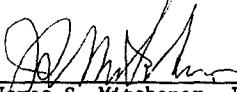
All residents and owners of residential and commercial property in Scotland County shall prominently display their street numbers on the exterior of their structure consistent with the specification of the Inspection Department. The Inspection Department shall administer an efficient public education program giving the detailed reasoning for this system. Property owners who fail to properly display their numbers shall be informed about the advantages of properly displaying the numbers and informing them of possible difficulties in prompt delivery of mail by the United States Postal Service in the event they fail to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.

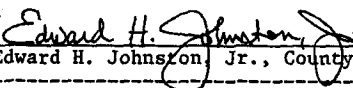
SECTION 12. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS


Any existing ordinance or regulation of Scotland County in conflict with this Ordinance to the extent of such conflict is hereby appealed.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at 8:00 a.m., November 7, 1989.

  
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James S. Mitchener, Jr., Chairman  
Scotland County Board of Commissioners

  
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