

**Village of Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County, Wisconsin  
Amendment to the Municipal Code**

**Chapter 5, Section 5.13 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Lake Nebagamon entitled  
“Procurement & Placement of Address (Fire Number) Signs”  
is hereby created to provide as follows:**

§5.13 PROCUREMENT, PLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF ADDRESS (FIRE NUMBER) SIGNS

- A. Purpose This ordinance provides a system by which all primary structures located within the Village of Lake Nebagamon limits will have a posted address in accordance with the standards set forth in this ordinance. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all parcels within the Village limits. The purpose of this address system is to promote the public’s health, safety, and general welfare and is intended to further the implementation of the Emergency Telephone Services Act.
- B. Definitions
- a. Address Number for each primary structure as assigned by Douglas County
  - b. Driveway A private road serving one or more primary structures
  - c. Primary Structure A building in which is conducted the principal use of the lot or parcel in which it is located. A primary structure may be used for residential, commercial, industrial, public, semi-public, recreation or other.
  - d. Road A public or private way which affords primary means of access by vehicles to adjacent property whether designed as a drive, easement, street, avenue, highway, road, boulevard, cartway or otherwise designated. A public or private way which is accessible only by foot or off-road vehicle is not a road as defined in this section.
  - e. Signpost a post, permanently affixed in the ground, used solely for display of the address.
- C. Uniform Address System
- a. Each primary structure shall be assigned a sole address number as designated by Douglas County.
  - b. All owners of primary structures which are located further than 30 feet from the edge of the driving surface of the nearest road or which are not clearly visible year-round from the road because of vegetation, snow conditions, terrain, or other obstacles shall display their address number on a signpost within ten feet of the driveway and at a location which is clearly visible year-round from the road. If multiple residences are serviced by the same driveway and are not visible from the road, an additional sign will be required at the entrance to the residence to mark the specific property. The property owner will be responsible for applying and paying for such a sign. For situations requiring multiple address signs at the road, the sign for the property closest to the road will be placed on top with signs continuing in descending geographical order.
  - c. All owners of primary structures which are located less than 30 feet from the nearest road and which are clearly visible year-round from the road or which are located on a driveway containing two or more primary structures can erect and maintain their assigned address numbers on the outside of the primary structure or on a signpost within 10 feet of their driveway. If mounted to the primary structure, the numbers must be located on the surface facing the nearest road. The sign must be mounted flag style and visible year-round when traveling on the road from either direction.
- D. Procurement All fire number signs will be purchased through Douglas County and will conform to the Department of Transportation’s reflective standards for address visibility on both the front and back of

the sign. When a parcel is developed, it shall be the property owner's responsibility to apply and pay for a fire number sign.

E. Installation

- a. Installation on signposts will be completed by the Public Works Operators to ensure continuity and proper placement. Installation on primary structures will be completed by property owners after location has been approved by the Public Works Operators or the Zoning Administrator.
- b. All signs will be installed flag style in order to be visible from vehicles traveling in either direction on a road or driveway.
- c. All signs will be mounted on 6' signposts.

F. Maintenance Once installed, the property owner is responsible for maintaining the year-round visibility of the sign at its installed location. This includes keeping the reflective surface clean, trimming blocking vegetation and removing snow.

G. Administration

- a. All Village of Lake Nebagamon licenses, applications and permits may be withheld from the owners and occupants of primary structures if the address is not placed or maintained in conformance with this ordinance.
- b. A placement variance may be granted by the Zoning Administrator only when use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance and in cases where there are practical difficulties or a particular hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this ordinance, and when the terms of the variance are consistent with the purposes of this ordinance.

H. Severability

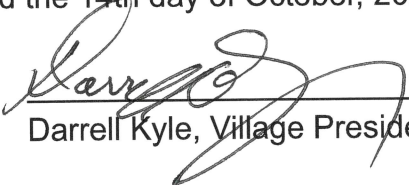
- a. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

I. Penalty

- a. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as provided in 15.04 of this code.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication.

Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Kyle, Village President

ATTEST:

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Daisha Nolan, Village Clerk

Adopted: 10/13/20 \_\_\_\_\_

Notice Published: 10/15/20 \_\_\_\_\_