

COURT ORDER

By The Commissioners' Court of Kaufman County, Texas, establishing property addressing standards to include numbering or naming streets/roads, numbering property, notification, and enforcement.

Section 1. There is hereby established the following addressing standards for numbering property and naming public streets/roads within the unincorporated areas of the County of Kaufman (and any other areas by joint agreement of municipalities). Structures within this area are subject to addressing in accordance with this order.

Section 2. Street naming and property numbering procedures shall be established in conjunction with the platting and subdivision requirements of Kaufman County.

a. A survey and inventory of all public street names within the county boundaries shall be prepared by the County within twelve (12) months for use with addressing procedures. Property needing street naming or number assignment on public roads will be identified. Duplicate names or similar-sounding names will be repealed and renamed on the recommendation of staff and the approval by the Commissioners' Court.

b. Street name criteria: Non-duplicative of existing names, limited to two (2) characters, no similar-sounding names. Directionals are spelled out (North). Deadending roads may not be designated streets but cul-de-sacs, cove or court. Other road types may be classified (boulevard must include median or be a minimum sixty feet in width) as appropriate by the county.

Name changes are considered for historical or clarification purposes and are limited to reconsideration five years hence. Name changes must meet same criteria established for new street names. Petition for change must be presented with signatures from 3/4 of property owners abutting street. Development along street and traffic volume may be considered as additional criteria.

c. Property Numbering Criteria: Number assignment is based upon a grid system: center point within the community, with axis forming base lines, north-south line being Highway 175 from West County Levee to Square at County Courthouse to Highway 243 to East County Line. and east-west line being Highway 34 North from square at Courthouse to Hunt County Line North. Highway 34 South from square at Courthouse to FM 1388 to CR 159 due South to CR 4060 to FM 2613 to South County Line. Block assignments will consist of 550 feet per block.

Number assignment progresses from the center point outward each direction, with the interval distance of eleven feet allowed for each number. Travelling from the center point, odd numbers assigned to the left and even numbers to the right street side.

d. Final approval of new street names and name change requests resides with the Commissioners' Court. Street name adoption or changes must comply with criteria established under these standards.

Section 3. Addressing standards shall include requirements of property owners and inhabitants to post assigned property number at curbside and/or on structure. Number must be visible from the street and not be obscured. Residential posting may be no less than 5" high; business structure posting may be no less than 12" and, when located adjacent to roads with speed limits above 45 m.p.h., no less than 24". Grace periods for incorporating this requirement are within six (6) months of new address notification.

Section 4. Street naming and property numbering procedures are standards as authorized in the County Road and Bridge Act (Art. 6702-1, Texas Civil Statutes). These procedures will include:

a. A plat book containing public roads with proper numbering assigned shall be kept on file for public use. Property undergoing subdivision, development, or building permits issued in areas without street addresses must comply with the addressing procedures.

b. Notification in written form must be presented to the property owner and/or tenant when final assignment of addresses occurs. Notification also should be made to the U.S. Postal Service. Once notified, the address becomes effective within seven (7) days.

c. Within thirty (30) days of notification, proper address number signage should be posted. After one hundred eighty (180) days, if no number sign is posted, the enforcement shall consist of the proper authority posting such number and to apply applicable charges to the resident or property owner.

d. Maintenance of the county's addressing procedure will reside in the office of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Section 5. Street signs should be erected at all intersections of public roads regardless of current route markings from state, federal or local designation. For new property development, the signage designation. For new property development, the signage will be required at the expense of the developer. Signs must conform to guidelines established by the County Commissioners' Court. Block number ranges should be included on signs.

APPROVED this 17 day of December, 1990.

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