

ORDINANCE NO. 89-19

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED THE HERNANDO COUNTY STREET AND ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE, WHICH ENFORCES THE PRESENT SYSTEM FOR NAMING STREETS AND ROADS AND ADDRESSING IN HERNANDO COUNTY: PROVIDING FOR THE SHORT TITLE; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE STREET AND ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE STANDARDS FOR ADDRESSING; PROVIDING FOR ADDRESS NUMBER CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR STREET AND ROAD NAMING AND STREET AND ROAD NAME CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET AND ROAD NAME SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE AREA EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL CONTRACTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County intends to implement an emergency telephone system commonly known as an E911 telephone system and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide and enforce a street and road naming and addressing system in order to facilitate the implementation of the E911 data base and delivery of emergency services in the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND AUTHORITY This Ordinance shall be known as the Hernando County Street and Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE This Ordinance is promulgated for the purpose of enforcing the street and road naming and addressing policy of Hernando County, in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens and inhabitants of Hernando County.

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SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

ADDRESS: A number and street or road name currently assigned to a parcel of property according to the County's street and road naming and addressing ordinance.

CERTIFICATE OF USE: A certificate, required by the appropriate authority which authorizes the occupancy of a structure or premises and is required prior to occupancy, change of use, and under other specific conditions.

MOBILE HOME PARK: A development designed to accommodate mobile homes where the sale of lots is not involved.

MULTIPLE-UNIT BUILDING: A structure which encloses two or more separate spaces or "sub-units" for several individual occupancies of one or more parties or their activities. This may include, but is not limited to, apartment buildings, condominiums, townhomes, duplexes, any dwellings containing more than one dwelling unit, buildings or structures designed for transient residents, and commercial and industrial centers.

PRINCIPLE BUILDING: The structure in which is conducted the principle use of the parcel on which such structure is situated.

ROAD: A private traffic-carrying way set aside for vehicular traffic primarily serving only one (1) premise or planned development project including private driveways, entrance or exit roads and similar private access roads. Roads are distinguished from streets in that roads are not maintained by the County.

SINGLE-UNIT BUILDING: A structure which encloses space for the occupancy by a single party or his activity. This may include, but is limited to, single family structures, and single-use commercial or industrial buildings.

STREET: A public traffic-carrying way set aside for vehicular traffic, regardless of size or designation, but excluding roads, which are privately maintained.

SECTION 4. STREET AND ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING COMMITTEE

- (A) There hereby established is the Street and Road Naming and Addressing Committee which shall be responsible for the reviewing and recommending the following items:
 - (1) Hernando County Street and Road Naming and Addressing Policy
 - (2) Street and road name changes
 - (3) Proposed street and road names
- (B) The Street Naming and Addressing Committee shall be comprised of one (1) representative from those agencies as designated by formal resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and may change from time to time.
- (C) The Committee annually shall select one of its members to serve as Committee Chairman and another to serve as Vice-chairman.
- (D) Any person adversely effected by any actions of Hernando County Street and Road Naming and Addressing Committee may appeal such action to the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5. STANDARDS FOR ADDRESSING

- (A) Addresses shall be posted:
 - (1) For all single-unit building(s) for all multiple-unit buildings, or for all sub-units of a multiple-unit building.
- (B) Posting of address numbers for single-unit buildings shall conform to the following standards:
 - (1) The address number shall be affixed in a conspicuous place on the principle building so that the number is

clearly legible from the street or road on which it is addressed.

- (2) If the distance from the street or road on which a principle building is addressed, configuration of the principle building, or obstructions such as fences, trees, or walls, would limit visibility of the principle building from the street or road, the address number shall be posted, at least two (2) feet above ground level, in a conspicuous place at the driveway or property entrance. Such place may include, but is not limited to mailboxes, fences, fence posts, or freestanding signs, and such number shall be clearly legible from the street and not posted as to be confused with address numbers posted for nearby parcels. Freestanding signs must be outside all public rights-of-way.
 - (3) In cases where one or more single-unit buildings without frontage on the street or road on which they are addressed are served by one or more access roads which are not a part of the same properties, address numbers shall be posted, at least two (2) feet above ground level, in a conspicuous place near the beginning of such access road connecting to the street or road on which such buildings are addressed, in addition to posting the address number on the buildings or property entrances. Such place may include, but is not limited to mailboxes, fences, fence posts, or freestanding signs, and such numbers shall be clearly legible from the street or road on which such buildings are addressed. Freestanding signs must be outside all public rights-of-way.
- (C) The posting of address numbers and other sub-unit identification for multiple-unit buildings shall conform to the following standards:
- (1) The address number of a multiple-unit building shall be

affixed in a conspicuous place on the principle building so that the number is clearly legible from the street or road on which it is addressed.

- (2) In case of multiple-unit buildings where each individual sub-unit is addressed, addresses shall be affixed in a conspicuous place at the entrance of each sub-unit so that the number is clearly legible from the street or road on which it is addressed.
- (3) If the distance from the street or road, configuration of the principle building, or obstructions such as fences, trees, or walls, would limit visibility of the principle building or the entrances of any of its sub-units from the street or road on which it or they were addressed, the address number or address range of the individually addressed sub-units shall be posted at least two (2) feet above ground level, in a conspicuous place at the driveway or property entrance. Such place may include, but is not limited to, fences, fence posts, or freestanding signs, and such numbers shall be clearly legible from the street or road and not posted as to be confused with the address numbers posted for nearby parcels or buildings. Freestanding signs must be outside all public rights-of-way.
- (4) In cases of multiple-unit buildings with one address, each sub-unit shall be identified by a system of sub-unit identification using numbers, letters, or both. Sub-unit identification shall be affixed at the entrance of each sub-unit.
- (5) Posting of address or other sub-unit identification ranges shall be required within or around multiple-unit buildings if the entrances of any sub-units of such buildings are not visible from the street or road on which they are addressed. Posting such ranges shall be

completed to the satisfaction of the County in order to provide adequate direction to such sub-units. Ranges shall be affixed to the principle building or on a freestanding sign in a conspicuous place at least two feet above ground, and visible from the access street or road.

(D) Posting address numbers for mobile home parks shall conform to the following standards:

(1) Mobile home park with County-named roads or streets shall have the address number displayed on each mobile home in accordance with this Section.

(2) In cases of pre-existing mobile home parks with roads where one street or road address is assigned for the park, the park's address shall be displayed at the park entrance and lot numbers shall be affixed to each mobile home according to the standards for address numbers provided for in this Section.

(3) Posting of address or other lot-number identification ranges shall be required within or around mobile home parks if the entrances of any mobile homes of such parks are not visible from the street or road on which they are addressed. Posting such ranges shall be completed to County standards in order to provide adequate direction to such mobile home. Ranges shall be affixed to the principle building or on a freestanding sign in a conspicuous place at least two feet above ground, and visible from the access street or road. Freestanding signs must be outside all public rights-of-way.

(E) In the case of new construction, the building permit holder shall be responsible for completing all necessary requirements in accordance with this Section prior to obtaining a Certificate of Use. No Certificate of Use shall be issued for any principle building until the building permit holder has

procured the official address number for the premise and displayed same.

- (F) Numbers used in addresses, lot numbers, unit identifications, and all such ranges shall be Arabic numerals. Letters used in unit identifications and such ranges shall be standard capital letters. Both numbers and letters shall be in a color contrasting with the structure or background surface and not be less than six (6) inches in height for commercial and (4) inches for residential properties.
- (G) Any different numbers which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the official number assigned by the County shall be removed.

SECTION 6. ADDRESS NUMBER CHANGES

- (A) The County shall initiate an address number change when any of the following conditions exist:
 - (1) Duplicate numbers on the same street or road;
 - (2) Numbers out of sequence;
 - (3) Odd or even number is not consistent on street or road.

SECTION 7. STREET OR ROAD NAME CHANGES

- (A) Petitions for the street or road name changes may be submitted by any property owner abutting the street or road involved. Petitions shall be made to the County and shall contain the proposed name, copies of maps or plats showing the exact location of the street or road, a general location map, and written approval of the new name or name change by a majority of the other property owners on the street or road.
- (C) The County may initiate street or road names when any of the following conditions exist:
 - (1) Where there is an existing duplication of street or road names within the County;
 - (2) Where a street or road has a similar sounding name to

another street or road, regardless of any difference in spelling;

(3) Where a street or road has more than one name and a change to a single name would be in the interest of the public safety and welfare;

(4) Where there is one or more streets or roads serving more than one residence.

(D) Petitions for street or road names that comply with Hernando County Street and Road Naming and Addressing Policy and all County initiated street or road name changes, shall be reviewed by the Street Naming and Addressing Committee in a scheduled public hearing. Notice will be mailed at least ten (10) days before the hearing to all property owners abutting the street or road, and shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the County no less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

(E) When street or road names are recommended by the Committee, the street or road names and any appropriate documents shall be forwarded to the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners for final action. Notice of the street or road name approvals shall be mailed by the County to all property owners abutting the street or road involved, emergency service departments, and the United States Postal Service.

SECTION 8. PROPOSED STREET AND ROAD NAMES FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS

All proposed street and road names for new subdivisions or other developments will be submitted, reviewed and approved according to policy as set forth by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and conform with all applicable sections of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. STREET NAME SIGNS

The posting of street name signs for streets and County-named roads shall be completed according to policy as set forth by Hernando County and the State of Florida.

SECTION 10. AREA EMBRACED

This Ordinance shall be applicable throughout Hernando County including the incorporated areas unless otherwise inconsistent with a municipal ordinance.

SECTION 11. MUNICIPAL CONTRACTION

- (A) Whenever a parcel of land, a subdivision, or any part thereof, becomes a part of the unincorporated area of Hernando County by municipal contraction or otherwise, it shall be the responsibility of the Street and Road Naming and Addressing Committee to review the street names and addresses in such area and to determine whether such street and road names and addresses conform to the County's street and naming and addressing system.
- (B) If the street or road names, addresses, or both contained within such area do not conform to the County's street and road naming and addressing system, the County shall initiate street or road name and address changes in accordance this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. FEES

Reasonable fees for the implementing of this Ordinance may be established and changed from time to time by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 13. PENALTIES

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 1.8 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 15. INCLUSION INTO THE CODE

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the County of Hernando, Florida, as an addition of amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of the official acknowledgment from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida that this Ordinance has been filed with said office.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION
THIS 12th DAY OF September, 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY Richard C. Killingsworth
RICHARD C. KILLINGSWORTH, CHAIRMAN

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KAREN NICOLAI, CLERK

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