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TOWN OF ATHENS ENHANCED 911 ORDINANCE

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure the easy and rapid location of properties by law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel in the Town of Athens.

Section 2. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with the Municipal Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A, M. R. S. A., Section 3001.

Section 3. Administration

This ordinance shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), which is authorized to and shall assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads, in accordance with the criteria in Sections 4 and 5 of this ordinance. The Board shall also be responsible for maintaining the following official records of this ordinance:

- a. A map of the Town of Athens for official use showing road names and numbers
- b. An alphabetical list of all property owners as identified by current assessment records, by last name, showing the assigned numbers.
- c. An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

Section 4. Naming System

All roads that serve two or more properties shall be named, regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A "road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt thoroughfare. "Property" refers to any parcel on which a structure can legally be placed. A road name assigned by the Town of Athens shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way.

The following criteria shall govern the road naming system:

- a. No two roads shall have the same name.
- b. No two roads shall have similar sounding names.
- c. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length.

Section 5. Numbering System

Numbers shall be assigned every fifty (50) feet along both sides of Main Street and along other streets with the potential for dense development, as determined by the Board. Numbers shall be assigned every one hundred (100) feet elsewhere in Town, with even numbers appearing on the left side of the road and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, as seen from the point of origin.

The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- a. For through roads, all number origins shall begin at the point nearest the designated center of Athens at the Wesserunsett Bridge. For dead end roads, numbering shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end.
- b. The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the front door. If the front door is more than fifty (50) feet from the edge of the road, the number shall be that of the interval falling closest to the driveway of said structure.
- c. Every structure with more than one residence (i.e. two-family house or garage apartment), or more than one principal use (i.e. home with a business with a separate entrance) shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy.

Section 6. Compliance

All owners of structures shall, by December 31, 1997, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said structure, the assigned numbers in the following manner:

- a. Number on the Structure or Residence. Where the residence or structure is within fifty (50) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be prominently displayed on the front of the residence or structure near the front door or entry.
- b. Number at the Street Line. Where the residence or structure is over fifty (50) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be prominently displayed on a post, fence, wall, the mail box, or on some structure at the property line next to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
- c. Size and Color of Number. Numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors with the background, at least 3" tall, and located to be visible from the road.
- d. Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number that might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance.

- e. Residents and other occupants are requested to post the assigned number and road name next to their telephone(s) for emergency reference.

Section 7. New Construction and Subdivisions

- a. New Construction. Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain an assigned number from the Board or its designated agent. This shall be done prior to commencing construction.
- b. New Subdivisions. Any prospective subdivider shall show a proposed road name and lot numbering system of the pre-application submission to the Board. Approval of the Board shall constitute the assignment of road names and numbers to the lots in the subdivision. On the final plan showing proposed roadways, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in the center of the streets every one hundred (100) feet to aid in assignment of numbers to structures subsequently constructed.

Section 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1997. It shall be the duty of the Board to notify by mail each property owner and the Post Office of their new address at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of its use. It shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this ordinance, including the posting of new property numbers, within thirty (30) days following notification. On new structures, numbering will be installed before final inspection or when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.

Section 9. Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this ordinance. Penalty for non-compliance shall be a fine not to exceed twenty-five (25) dollars, plus legal, and court costs.