

ORDINANCE 1091

ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.01 Title. This ordinance shall be known as and shall be cited as the Mason County Addressing Ordinance.

Section 1.02 Purpose. This ordinance is intended to establish a uniform road location and structure numbering system, and to reduce confusion by emergency or municipal service agencies in locating specific structures.

Section 1.03 Scope. All addressable structures as defined herein shall be subject to the minimum requirements of this ordinance.

Section 1.04 Application. At such time that the Planning Department makes addresses available for addressable structures, the owner or occupant of the addressable structure shall place within sixty (60) days the address on the mailbox and place the address number in a conspicuous location on the structure if the structure is visible from the named road, or at the principal place of access (driveway entrance) if the house is not visible from the named road.

When an address is assigned with a building permit, the new address shall be posted at the principal place of access to the construction site at the time construction begins and shall be placed on the mailbox upon occupancy of the building.

ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01 Addressable Structure. Any residence or place of business excepting sheds and accessory buildings in Mason County opening upon or having access to any road.

Section 2.02 Road-Street-Drive-Avenue-Boulevard-Lane. A straight or irregular connecting road (the road itself does not dead end). Road, Drive, or Lane may also designate an extendable dead end which may service any other named road.

Section 2.03 Court-Place. A road terminating in a non-extendable cul-de-sac.

Section 2.04 Highway. A road belonging to the State or U.S. highway system.

Section 2.05 Loop-Circle. A road which connects back to itself or returns back to the same road (at any point) from which it originated.

Section 2.06 Point of Origin. Is that point at which a road begins as accessed from another road (from major to minor roads). These road origins shall be established by the Mason County Planning Department. Roads which originate inside an incorporated municipality and extend into the county shall have structure address numbers that coordinate with that municipality.

ARTICLE III, ROAD LOCATION AND STRUCTURE ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Section 3.01 Procedure. These procedures establish an addressing system for the purpose of assigning locational addresses to residences and places of business in Mason County. These procedures provide a system incorporating the use on an official map in which is established geographic districts, road origins, and a structure numbering system. These procedures are intended for the following purposes:

- The affixing of locational addresses to residences, and places of business.
- The establishing of road origins.
- The installation of a uniform addressing system throughout Mason County.
- The changing of addresses from rural routes and box numbers to road names and numbers.

Section 3.02 Official Addressing Map. The official addressing map establishes five geographic districts of Mason County and sets forth a structure location system. The assignment of addresses shall be determined by the official map.

Section 3.03 Districts. Mason County shall be divided into five districts as determined by the official map.

N - NORTH DISTRICT

- County line on north and west sides.
- Hood Canal on the east side.
- On the south side, Township 21 - 22 line east to Section line 33 - 34, north to Enetai Creek and following the creek east to Hood Canal.

S - SOUTH DISTRICT

- County line on west and south sides.
- Township 21 - 22 line on north side.
- U.S. Highway 101 on east side.

SE- SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

- U.S. Highway 101 on west side.
- Hammersley Inlet and Shelton city limits on north side.
- Peale Passage on east side, including Squaxin and Hope Islands, following county line along Totten Inlet to Oyster Bay, then south to U.S. Highway 101.

E - EAST DISTRICT

- County line on east side.
- U.S. Highway 101 and Shelton city limits on west side.
- Hood Canal to Township 22 - 23 line on north side.
- Hammersley Inlet on south side, then north along Pickering Passage to Peale Passage, then south to county line.

NE- NORTHEAST DISTRICT

- County line on north and east sides.
- Hood Canal on west side.
- Hood Canal to Township 22 - 23 line on south side.

Section 3.04 Structure Addressing. Addresses shall consist of three items in this order: District indicator, mile point number, and road name.

The district indicator for a structure shall be determined by the structure's location on the official addressing map of Mason County.

The mile point number for a structure shall be determined by the distance measured to the nearest 1/100th of a mile from the point of origin of the named road to the driveway of that structure. Mile point numbers shall be two to five digits in length. The last digit of the mile point number indicates what side of the road the structure is located. 0 (even) indicates the right side, 1 (odd) indicates the left side. 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8 (even) indicates one to five structures along a private unnamed road addressed off the right side of a named road. 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 (odd) indicates one to five structures along a private unnamed road addressed off the left side of a named road. The addition of a letter designation to the mile point number shall be used to designate structures of multiple occupancies. The addition of a lot or space number may be used for mobile home courts or parks.

A named road shall be any road in the U.S., State, and County road system in Mason County and any private road name recognized by the Mason County Planning Department. The Planning Department shall acquire names for private roads which serve 6 or more structures, or any private road which exhibits a need to be named under the intent of this ordinance.

Section 3.05 Road Signs. All roads maintained by Mason County shall display the proper signing, including road name and district designation. Mason County shall be responsible for the placement and maintenance of all road signs required to implement this ordinance.

Roads not maintained by Mason County may be signed in conformance with this ordinance.

ARTICLE IV, ADMINISTRATION

Section 4.01 Administration Standards. The Mason County Board of Commissioners shall be the administrator of this ordinance. The Planning Director or other designate shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of maps indicating road names, a catalogue of road names, assigning names to roads and be responsible for insuring that proposed road names are in conformance with the road designations and do not duplicate existing road names.

Whenever, in the course of administration and enforcement of this ordinance, it is found desirable to make any administrative decision, unless other standards are provided in this ordinance, the decision shall be made so that the result will not be in conflict with the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

Section 4.02 Validity. If any section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection or portion shall be deemed a separate portion of this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance.

Section 4.03 Effective Date. This ordinance will be in full force and effective on December 17th, 1979.

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