

Charter Township of Ironwood

Ordinance No. 56 Uniform System of Numbering

(Amendment of Original Ordinance No. 21)

An ordinance establishing a uniform system of numbering houses and buildings, placing fire number and naming of streets and/or roads.

The Charter Township of Ironwood ordains:

Section 1. There is hereby established a uniform system of numbering houses and buildings in the Charter Township of Ironwood and these same numbers will also be fire number/address number of the property. The rules, guidelines and maps on file in the Clerk's office and dated with this Ordinance for the naming of present and future streets and/or roads shall be part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The State Boundary line in Sections 10 and 15, T48N R49W, shall constitute the base for numbering along all streets and/or roads running east and west; and Margaret Street, which is the southernmost boundary of the Township, shall constitute the base line for numbering all streets and/or roads running north and south. Both base lines are part of the County-coordinated fire number-address system.

Section 3. The numbering of each street and/or road shall begin at the base line. The numbers shall progress from west to east and south to north at the rate of 400 per mile or 100 per 1/4-1/4 section (forty). In those 1/4 by 1/4 sections where the distance is more or less than the legal distance of 1,320 feet but is classified as a "forty", the distance shall be divided by fifty. On east-west streets and/or roads the numbers will be preceded by the letter "E" and on north-south streets and/or roads the letter "N" will precede the numbers.

Section 4.

- a. All lots and houses on the south and west sides of all streets and/or roads shall be numbered with odd numbers and all lots and houses on the north and east sides shall be numbered with even numbers. The location of the house or building in relation to the numbers assigned each 1/4-1/4 section or fraction thereof will determine what number the structure will receive. Each 1/4-1/4 section or fraction will begin with a hundred number.
- a) Where any building has more than one door serving separate occupants, a separate number shall be assigned each door serving separate occupants providing the building is 25 or more feet in width. If the building is less than 25 feet and the entrances are not that far apart, the next consecutive number shall be marked fractional. Buildings fronting on two or more streets and/or roads shall have a number which is determined by which street and/or roads the main entrance is facing unless other entrances serve other occupants.

Section 5. All streets and/or roads not extending through to the base line shall be assigned the same relative numbers as if the said street and/or road had extended to the said base line.

Section 6.

- a) The Charter Township of Ironwood has caused a survey to be made and there is hereby assigned to each house and building located on any street and/or road in said Township its respective number under the uniform system provided for in this Ordinance and as shown on a map on file in the Township Clerk's office.
- b) The house or building numbers and holders will be supplied by the Township at no cost to the owner and shall be used in part to insure maximum effectiveness by safety personnel.
- c) All numbers shall be conspicuously placed immediately on either side of the main entrance, a minimum height of 60 inches from the entrance threshold and clearly visible from the road. Whenever a building is situated more than 85 feet from the center of a street and/or road, the number of such building shall be conspicuously placed on an appropriate steel post a minimum height of five(5) feet from the ground surface at the road right-of-way line thirty-three (33) feet from center of the street and/or road. Numbers placed on steel posts must be placed in front of the building and shall be no closer than (15) fifteen feet to either side of the driveway to such building.
- d) All numbers shall be installed by a qualified contractor **or by Township personnel** under contract by the Township to do such work and at no cost to the building owner. If building owners wish to install the numbers, themselves, they may do so using the proper location and Township-supplied numbers and holder. In the case where the numbers must be placed upon a post, the installation shall be done by the **Township personnel or contractor**.
- e) All officially assigned structure numbers must be installed, if done by the Township contractor, owners or their agents, within (30) thirty days following the effective date of this Ordinance.
- f) It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the building numbers in a condition that will serve the intent of this Ordinance.
- g) When shrubbery or trees obscure the house number on any building, regardless of distance from the center of the street and/or road, the house number must be installed on a steel post as per Section 6 (c).

Section 7. Where only one number can be assigned to a building, the owner or agent for such building desiring separate numbers for the upper or lower portion of such building or for an part of such building fronting on any street and/or road may use the suffix "A," B,"C etc. as may be required.

Section 8. To facilitate correct numbering of all structures hereafter erected, it shall be the duty of the person issuing the building permit to assign the correct building numbers according to the provisions set forth in this Ordinance. The cost of such numbers shall hereafter be part of the building permit fee; and, to insure uniformity of the style of the numbers, they must be obtained from the Township.

Section 9. If the owner or occupant of any building required to be numbered by this ordinance shall neglect for more than thirty (30) days to duly attach and maintain the proper number of such building, the building inspector shall cause to be served upon the owner of such building a notice by registered mail requiring such owner to properly number the same. If the owner neglects to do so for ten (ten)

days after the receipt of such notice, he shall be deemed to be in violation of this ordinance. When this occurs, the Township will correct such violations and levy costs for same to the owner of the property. Such costs can also become a lien against the property in question.

Section 10. Any Ordinance or part of an ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 11. The effective date of the Ordinance shall be upon its publication and subsequent approval by the Township Board.

(This Ordinance was duly adopted on July 6, 1981 at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Ironwood Board.)

Amendments to Ordinance #21

Section 6.

(c) Insert after the word "side" on the second line the words: "or directly above"

(d) Insert after the word "numbers" on the first line the words: "in the initial installation"

Section 10. Shall be changed to Section 11.

Section 11. Shall be changed to Section 12.

Insert the following:

Section 10. All roads, new or existing, to be named after the original adoption of this Ordinance shall be named in accordance with the following rules:

- a) It shall be the sole responsibility and the final determination of the Township Board as to the name to be assigned to the unnamed road.
- b) At the discretion of the Township Board, written input may be solicited from all existing property owners on the road to be named.
- c) Personal names are not to be used.
- d) The name selected shall be clear, unmistakable and not similar to an existing name.
- e) Extensions of existing roads which are now named shall carry the same name with this one exception: When an extension is a definite change in direction which would cause the numbering to be different than that of the existing road, then the extension shall carry a different name.
- f) Extensions of existing roads which meander but generally follow the direction of the existing road shall be classified an extension and carry the same name. New roads that meander shall be classified N/S or E/W by selecting the general direction which is closest to N/S or E/W.
- g) In determining whether to put the designation "road" or "lane" following the name, the following guide is to be used: If the new road is expected eventually to be longer than one mile, then the name shall be followed by the designation "road". If it can be reasonably certain that the road will not be longer than one mile, then the name shall be followed by the designation

“lane”. Once the designation has been assigned, it shall not be changed from one to another even if the lane is extended or the road is shortened.

- h) Extensions of new or existing streets or roads into the Township which would be at Township expense shall not carry the same name in the Township as exists in the City. This will serve to eliminate confusion in numbering and locating properties.
- i) When developers of new plats submit their proposed plats to the Township for preliminary approval, the road or street names they have placed on the plat roads shall be subject to approval under these rules and approved by the Township Board.
- j) Names shall be selected to highlight some theme, landmark or historical feature that will add to the Township’s appeal or character.
- k) The Township Board shall, after a name has been selected, notify the Gogebic County Road Commission on the selection and secure their approval.

(These amendments to Ordinance #21 were duly adopted on Nov. 2, 1981 at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Ironwood Board.)

This NEW Ordinance #56, replacing Ordinance #21 was duly adopted on May 13, 2019 at a regular board meeting of the Charter Township of Ironwood Board.

By: _____

Mary Segalin, Clerk
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF IRONWOOD
Gogebic County, Michigan

Attest

By: _____

Kevin Lyons, Trustee-Acting Chairman
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF IRONWOOD
Gogebic County, Michigan