

ANSON COUNTY RURAL ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, a consistent and coherent house and building numbering system for Anson County is necessary for public safety purposes, to minimize confusion for citizens and visitors to Anson County, to facilitate orderly and comprehensive mail delivery, and to establish a constant and permanent address for Anson County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby ordain:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to provide a uniform system of rural addresses for all properties and buildings throughout the County in order to facilitate provisions of adequate public safety and emergency response services and to minimize difficulty in locating properties and buildings for public service agencies and general public.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases were used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

- A. Address Administrator: The official of Anson County designated by the County Manager, charged with the administration of this article, including their authorized agent or delegate.
- B. Building: Any structure whether residential, commercial, industrial or institutional in nature. Each portion of such building may be deemed a separate building.
- C. Driveway: A private way, beginning at the property line of a lot abutting a public or private road or other easement. A driveway may not serve more than a single lot unless it runs along a lot line shared by two (2) lots and serves no more than two (2) lots, which face a main road.
- D. Manufactured Home Park: Any site or tract of land of contiguous ownership upon which manufactured home spaces are provided for manufactured home occupancy whether or not a charge is made for such service or any piece of land that is occupied by two or more manufactured homes. This does not include manufactured home sales lots on which unoccupied manufactured homes are parked for the purpose of inspection and sales.
- E. Private Roads: Any road or street, which is maintained by a private entity or agency through the use of private funds.
- F. Public Road: Any road or street, which is maintained by a government entity or agency through the use of public funds.
- G. Road Address: The combination of numbers and road names assigned by Anson County, which uniquely identifies a particular building or lot.
- H. Subdivision: All divisions of a tract or a parcel of land into two (2) or more lots, building sites or other divisions for the purpose of sale or building development

(whether immediate or future) and includes all division of land involving the dedication of a new street or change in existing streets.

SECTION III. ROAD NAMES

The road names on file with the office of the Emergency Management / 911 Director are the official names of these roads, unless changed by action of the Anson County Board of Commissioners. The Address Administrator hereby authorized to determine the need for road name changes and to recommend such changes to the Anson County Board of Commissioners. Unless there is a substantial documentable need for a change in an official road name, no changes will be made for a period of three (3) years following the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

All roads in Anson County shall be identified by a sign showing the official name of that road.

Road name signs shall be uniform throughout the County in accordance with the following:

White lettering with Green Background ----- Public Roads
White lettering with Blue Background ----- Private Roads

All roads which meet the criteria for a private road shall be named using the procedures listed in Appendix A.

SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

- A. The Address Administrator will be responsible for the interpretation of this Ordinance including:
 - 1. Assigning all numbers for properties and buildings.
 - 2. Maintaining address records of each property and building.
 - 3. Recommending any changes necessary to facilitate sequential building numbers along a road.
 - 4. Designating individual unit addresses within any multiple housing units in conformity with this Ordinance.
 - 5. Assisting the public in complying with the requirements of this ordinance.
- B. Road Address numbers will be assigned using the Anson County Addressing System listed in Appendix B.
- C. This Ordinance shall apply in all areas of Anson County, outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of a municipality.

- D. NO subdivision, manufactured home park or other non-permanent dwelling unit park, may be recorded, constructed, or otherwise begin without first submitting plans showing layout of any proposed subdivision, manufacture home park or other non-permanents dwelling park to the Address Administrator. The Address Administrator will review the plans to ensure adequate access to and from the proposed subdivision, or park and will assign address numbers for each proposed lot and ensure that other provisions of this Ordinance are complied with.

SECTION V. DISPLAY OF ROAD ADDRESS NUMBER

- A. Road Address numbers must be displayed so that the location can be easily identified from the road.
1. The Official Address Number must be displayed on the front of the building or at the entrance to a building, and must be clearly visible from the road during both day and night.
 2. If a building is more than seventy-five (75) feet from any road, the address number shall be displayed at the end of the driveway nearest the road, which provides access to the building.
 3. Numerals indicating the address number of a single-family dwelling shall be at least four (4) inches in height and shall be posted and maintained so as to be legible from the road.
 4. Numbers for multiple dwelling units and non-residential buildings shall be at least four (4) inches in height and shall be placed on the front of the building facing the road or on the end of the building nearest the road.

SECTION VI. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Six Months after the effective date of this ordinance, any person who being the owner or agent of the owner who violates this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The Anson County Board of Commissioners may authorize the placement of appropriate signage on such property in violation and levy fees as set by Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Anson County on this the _____ day of _____, 2002.

Chairperson, Anson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

APPENDIX A
PRIVATE ROAD NAMING GUIDELINES

As part of Anson County's Comprehensive Emergency E 911 Telecommunications system, all private roads will be identified and addressed.

In order to have a systematic process to facilitate the Private Road naming, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. A private road shall be any road, lane, drive, etc. which serves more than two (2) structures (other than farm storage buildings) not facing a state-maintained road or highway.
2. The property owner (s) must submit three (3) proposed names for their private road, in the form of a petition, to the Address Administrator.
 - a. The petition will indicate location of the road, contact person, telephone number, etc.
 - b. That the petition must indicate the number of property owners on the private road in question and that a majority of the property owner (s) are be in agreement with the proposal, through signed endorsements.
 - c. That these petitions will be examined and compared with the existing road names to ensure that no road names are duplicated.
 - d. Every effort will be made to name the road by one (1) of the three (3) proposed names, but in the event that all of the proposals are already being used, the contact person will be notified and other proposed names will be requested
 - e. Once the road name is approved, the County will notify the contact person of The total cost of the sign (s), of which property owner (s) will be required to pay the total cost.
 - f. The County will order and have the sign (s) installed.
 - g. The monies collected from the property owner(s) will be used to pay for these
3. The signs for private roads will have six (6) inch blades, blue background with white letters installed on standard poles.

APPENDIX B ANSON COUNTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Anson County uses an equal interval system in its approach to assigning road address numbers to buildings within the County. This requires the selection of two (2) intersecting baselines, one (1) running in an East – West direction and one (1) running North – South direction. A frontage interval of 5.28 feet is then used to assign a progression of road address numbers to buildings and properties. Working out from these lines in any direction along a continuous road with this system will easily convert to distance from the beginning point (i.e., 1600 #'s equals 1.0 miles).

The base lines selected for Anson County are highway 74 E & W for the North and South, and highway 52 N & S, for the East and West. All road addressing numbers will begin at the end of the road closest to the nearest base line, or in case of a dead end road, at its intersection, with another named road. For continuous roads, which cross a base line, they will be addressed with respect to East – West – North – South of that line.

All buildings will be addressed relative to their position on a named road. Houses which, are obviously facing a named road, will be addressed with the number, which falls closest to the front door of that building. Buildings, which are situated more than seventy-five (75) feet off a named road, will be addressed where their driveway intersects the named road (if the house is not visible from the road, use driveway).

Road address numbers will be assigned every 5.28 feet from the beginning point on that road. Numbers will be assigned, even numbers on the right side of the road, odd numbers on the left side of the road, as one would stand with their back towards the beginning point.