

ALPENA COUNTY
ADDRESS ORDINANCE
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ARTICLE I

TITLE, PURPOSES AND LEGAL CLAUSES

Section 1.01: Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Alpena County Address Ordinance of April 28, 2009 and further shall be known in the short form as the Address Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance.

Section 1.02: Purpose+

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a uniform county-wide system of numbering buildings for use as addresses to facilitate locating buildings and houses; to protect the public health and safety by providing a systematic method of address numbering to enable faster response and location of a building by county agencies and authorities in the event of an emergency by fire, ambulance, police and other county and municipal emergency agencies; to provide a system of locating structures for purposes of county functions including but not limited to building, soil, health inspections, tax assessment, data collection and other county affairs; to protect and promote the general welfare of the county by providing a more efficient means for the general public, parcel delivery, common carrier and mail delivery services to locate people and places,

- A. Defining certain terms used herein;
- B. Creating a formal system to name roads in the county, providing an agency with exclusive jurisdiction in assigning road names, and providing for standards and regulations to be applied in naming roads;
- C. Creating a formal address numbering system in the county, providing for an agency to have exclusive jurisdiction in assigning addresses, and providing for standards and regulations for address numbering;
- D. Providing for notification of interested parties of assigned road names and address numbers; and maintaining a master record (maps) of addresses;
- E. Coordinating the function of this ordinance with other county or municipal ordinances and state statutes; and providing for this ordinance to create the only address system in the county dealing with road naming and address numbering;
- F. Providing minimum standards and regulations for the display and use of the addresses;
- G. Providing for the enforcement of this ordinance, penalties for violations, and other matters pertinent to this ordinance.

Section 1.03: Legal Basis

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Section 11 of Michigan Public Act 156 of 1851, as amended, being Michigan Compiled Law 46.11 (County Boards of Commissioners).

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01: Purpose

For purposes of this Ordinance certain terms are herewith defined. When not inconsistent with the context, the present tense includes the future, words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word shall is always mandatory and not merely permissive. The word person includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company or corporation, as well as an individual.

Section 2.02: Undefined Words

Any word not defined herein shall be interpreted within its common and approved usage.

Section 2.03: Definitions

ADDRESS means a set of numbers, and a compass designation, if applicable, and a road name used in combination as one statement of location.

ADDRESS NUMBER means that part of an address which consists of a set of whole numbers determined pursuant to this ordinance and, if applicable, a compass designation.

EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT means the department organized by the property tax administration and is responsible to the Board of Commissioners through the Equalization Committee.

INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY means incorporated villages and cities created under Michigan Law.

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PLAT means a map of and other information about a subdivision or land, which is drawn and information compiled, approved, and recorded in conformity with Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, being Michigan Compiled Laws 560.101 et. sq., Land Division Act.

ROAD means any road, street, highway, land, drive, avenue, boulevard, two-track, court, cul-de-sac, circle, way, route, track, artery, and so on which affords a means of travel by vehicle for ingress or egress to abutting property, whether public or private.

ROAD COMMISSION means the Alpena County Road Commission, or its manager and staff if the Road Commission elects to delegate, created pursuant to Michigan Public Act 283 of 1909, as amended, being Michigan Compiled Laws 224.1 et. sq., the General Highway Law Chapter IV County Road Law.

ROAD NAME means that part of an address which is the proper name of a road, including a general suffix such as those listed for the definition of road in Section 2.03 of this Ordinance.

STRUCTURE means anything constructed, erected or placed with a fixed location on the ground and includes, but is not limited to, dwellings, houses, mobile homes, hunting camps, cottages, businesses, buildings, municipal pumping or substations or booster stations, and so on, which may have need or cause to have an address, but not structures clearly accessory to a principal structure.

SUBDIVISION means an area of land which has been divided by means of filing a plat.