

**BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 5, 1999**

ORDINANCE NO. 40

**BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP ADDRESS, STREET AND ROAD
NUMBERING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to provide for establishment, control and regulation of street and road numbering within Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, to provide for penalties for the violation of this ordinance and to repeal any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

PREAMBLE

It is hereby determined by the Township Board of Big Rapids Township that the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Township would be better served by the establishment of a Township wide street and road numbering system. Such uniform street and road numbering will enable the police agencies, ambulance service and public utilities to more rapidly identify and locate properties within the Township. It is further determined that the establishment of regulations and standards be provided within the framework of governing law.

Section I Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as “ Big Rapids Township Address, Street and Road Numbering Ordinance”.

Section II Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Township wide, with the exception of cities and villages, street and road numbering system in a uniform logical manner; to provide for a central point to issue and control numbering and to provide rules and guidelines to facilitate enforcement thereof.

Section III Definitions

1. The term “premises” shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm or corporation, public or private, improved with buildings or vacant, whether occupied or not.
2. The term “street number” or “road number” shall mean any series of Numbers assigned by the Big Rapids Township Building Department in conformance with the Township Numbering Grid System for the purpose of identification of a particular premises location in relation to the grid system.
3. The term “Township numbering system” shall mean and refer to a general East and West, and a North and South numbering system with the provision of allowing one thousand (1000) numbers per mile for each mile of distance from the base lines. Numbering of East - West streets or roads shall begin at 18000 at the North - South base line (180th Avenue) and the numbering of North - South streets or roads shall begin at 12000 at the East - West base line (12 Mile Road).
4. The term “East and West base line” shall refer to a line drawn East and West across the south boundary of the Township (12 Mile Road).
5. The term “North and South base line” shall refer to a line drawn North and South across the east boundary of the Township (180th Avenue).
6. The term “interested party” shall refer to the emergency services, owner,

occupant, building department, public utilities or any other governmental agency.

7. The term “odd or even number” shall refer to the system of having even numbers assigned on the right side and odd numbers on the left side of all streets and roads as a person faces away from the base lines.
8. The term “street or road name” shall refer to any official name as recognized by government authority and no such named street or road shall be changed without approval of the Township Board and the County Road Commission.
1. Those areas of Big Rapids Township that were detached from the City of Big Rapids, and that use the City addressing scheme, will be numbered in accordance with the addressing policies that the City had in effect at the time of detachment.

Section IV Regulation

1. All premises and mailboxes shall bear a distinctive street number in accordance with and as designated upon the street numbering maps on file in the office of the Township Building Department, which maps, by reference, together with any revisions thereof shall become an operative part of this ordinance.
2. Any owner of any premises shall place upon the street front of such premises and on the street mailbox of such premises, in such position to be plainly visible, such designated number.
3. Number on mailboxes shall be displayed in such manner as to be plainly visible from road traffic lanes in either direction of approach. The numbers shall be of a contrasting reflectorized color, to their background and shall be not less than one (1) inch in height; numbers in block or script displayed on building fronts shall be of a contrasting reflectorized color to their background and shall be not less than three (3) inches in height. Where is no mail delivery, the assigned number shall be displayed either on the street front of the premises or on a roadside sign or both in such manner as to be plainly visible from road traffic lanes in either direction of approach.
4. Where the mailbox is located on a street other than the premises as numbered, the mailbox shall show both the number assigned and the street name of the premises in contrasting reflectorized color, to their background and shall be not less than one (1) inch in height. Grouping of mailboxes shall be permitted but the grouping shall be in sequential order according to the assigned number.
5. Numbers shall be assigned and recorded by the Township Building Department at the request of any interested party in accordance with these regulations.

Section V Violation

Failure to display numbers within thirty (30) days after assignment and recordation, or in the case of new construction, within thirty (30) days after a letter or certificate of occupancy has been issued, shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

Section VI Construction

This ordinance shall not supercede any existing city or village authority for street numbering, but shall be in addition to and not in conflict with all other laws and ordinances respecting street and road numbering.

Section VII Saving Clause

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall remain in force.

Section VIII Penalty

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars. In addition to the imposition of the foregoing fines, penalties and other legal remedies, the Township Board may cause the proper posting of numbers, and the cost thereof assessed against the owner of such premises.

Section IX Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect pursuant to submission to publication as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 40 adopted by the Big Rapids Township Board at a regular meeting on October 5, 1999. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date of publication, October 19, 1999.

Vivian Smith, Clerk
Big Rapids Township