

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

AN ORDINANCE FOR WATAUGA COUNTY WITH RESPECT
TO HOUSE, BUILDING AND MOBILE HOME ADDRESS NUMBERS

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL
STATUTES 153A-239.1 AND 240, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WATAUGA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Assigned house number to be posted; Standards.

Within 90 days after written notice by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners, its agent or authorized contractor, of the assignment of or change of a number for any house, building, mobile home park, or condominium complex, the owner or occupant of such property shall be required to post the number so assigned in an approved area on such property in accordance with the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) below.

(a) The minimum height of the number(s) placed on a house, building, mobile home lot/site, or unit shall not be less than three and one half (3-1/2) inches; however, the building number of an apartment, townhouse, or condominium complex shall be not less than six (6) inches high and shall be placed either in the approximate center of the building or on the street end of the building so that it is clearly visible from either the public or private street by which it is accessed.

(b) Numbers shall be displayed in numeric format, not in script.

(c) The house or building numbers, except in case of mobile home park lot/sites, which may be addressed in accordance with paragraph (d), shall be maintained within a three (3) foot perimeter of an entrance whereby they are visible and readable from the street or road on which it fronts. However, in the event a building is not visible for 100 feet from the public street or road on which it fronts or the lot on which the building is located is landscaped in such a manner that said numbers cannot be seen from the public street or road, the assigned building number shall also be posted on the property at or near the property line at a driveway entrance or access to said structure. The number may be posted on a rural mailbox if it is located as specified in this paragraph.

(d) A sign displaying the property number or street address of a mobile home park shall be erected and displayed at the driveway entrance of the mobile home park. Lots or sites within the mobile

home park shall be marked in an uniform manner within the park by placement at or near the individual mobile home a pedestal or post, no less than 3 feet nor higher than 5 feet above ground level, containing the assigned number of the individual mobile home. If an individual mailbox is placed at the mobile home lot/site, the number shall be displayed thereon. In the discretion of the County, mobile home park lots may be individually addressed in accordance with paragraph (c). Should lots/sites be individually addressed, the roads within the park will be named, and the park as a unit will not be assigned an address.

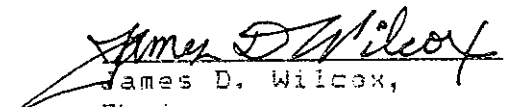
(e) The color of the number(s) placed on a structure or pedestal shall be in contrast to the color scheme of the house, building, mobile home or pedestal and shall be reflective so that the number is clearly visible day or night and shall be maintained in a clearly visible manner. The planning and inspections department shall not issue a certificate of occupancy or a certificate of compliance until the assigned number is posted in accordance with this section.

(f) Following the posting of the assigned number as required, the owner or occupant shall maintain such house or building number at all times in compliance with the above standards. Building numbers shall not be obstructed from view by shrubs or vegetation as viewed from the public road.

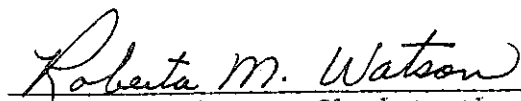
(g) Violation of the Ordinance is a misdemeanor as provided by N.C. General Statute 14-4 and may be punished as provided therein. Each day the violation continues after the offending owner or occupant has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

(h) Notice of violation of this Ordinance sufficient to allow daily criminal penalties of subsection (g) to be invoked may be given by the Watauga County Sheriff's Department. Such notice must be in writing to the owner or occupant of the dwelling or building and set forth what action is necessary in order for the offender to be in compliance.

ADOPTED, This the 3rd day of May 1993.


James D. Wilcox,
Chairman

ATTEST:


Roberta M. Watson, Clerk to the Board

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