

Town of Mercer, Maine

Addressing Ordinance

March 4, 2006

Section 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the easy and rapid location of properties by law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel in the town of Mercer.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with the Municipal Home Rule Powers as Provided for in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001.

Section 3. ADMINISTRATION

This ordinance shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen/women, which is authorized to and shall assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads, in accordance with the criteria of Sections 4 and 5.

Section 4. NAMING SYSTEM

All roads that serve two or more properties shall be names regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. A "road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel, or dirt thoroughfare. "Property" refers to any property on which a more or less permanent structure has been erected or could be placed. A road name assigned by the town shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way.

The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- a. No two roads shall be given the same name (e.g., no Pine Road and Pine Lane)
- b. No two roads should have similar sounding names (e.g., Beech Street and Peach Street)
- c. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length in Mercer, Maine.

Section 5. NUMBERING SYSTEM

Numbers shall be assigned every 50 (fifty) feet along both sides of the road, with even numbers appearing on the left side and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, determined by number origin.

All number origins shall begin from the designated center of Mercer or that end of the road closest to the designated center.

Every structure with more than one principal use or occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy.

All corner lots will be assigned a number for each road it borders on, which will allow for a building or vacant lot to be numbered according to the front property line.

Section 6 COMPLIANCE

Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number that might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this ordinance.

Section 7 NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SUBDIVISIONS

All new construction and subdivisions shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and as follows:

NEW CONSTRUCTION: Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain assigned number from the Board of Selectmen/women. This shall be done when the plumbing permit is obtained.

NEW SUBDIVISIONS: Any prospective sub-divider shall show a proposed road and lot numbering system on the pre-application submission to the Planning Board. Approval by the Planning Board, after consultation with the Board of Selectmen/women, shall constitute the assignment of the road names and numbers. On final plan showing proposed roads, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines or dots, in center of streets every 50(fifty) feet to aid in assignment of numbers to structures.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the town meeting.

Date Adopted: