

**YANKTON COUNTY  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 11 (Amended)**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A RURAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Yankton County Board of Commissioners has established an Emergency 911 telephone system pursuant to SDCL 34-45; and

WHEREAS, the Yankton County Board of Commissioners believes that the establishment of a Rural Addressing system to complement the 911 system is in the best interest of Yankton County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commission, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

**SECTION I NAMING OF ROADS**

The names of roads are hereby fixed and adopted in accordance with, and as shown by the maps of the county on file in the Planning office, which are hereby designated and adopted as the official road address maps of the county. The names on these maps shall supersede the road names found on the plats recorded in the **Register of Deeds**. The **Register of Deeds** is hereby authorized to make the necessary changes on the plats to correspond with the names on these maps.

- A. New Road Intersection signs that have been approved by the Planning office with concurrence of the E-911 Committee shall be installed at intersections once the road is developed or constructed. Sign shall be designed to meet US DOT specifications.**
- B. No new addresses will be assigned to the new road until the Intersection sign is installed.**
- C. Cost of the Road Intersection Sign is the responsibility of the developer.**

**SECTION II. DESIGNATION OF ADDRESSES – ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES**

Addresses for rural dwelling units and places of business on all public and private roads and streets shall be assigned by the Planning office. These addresses shall be in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03 except when it is deemed appropriate to utilize a municipality's addressing system in areas adjacent to the corporate limits and procedures adopted by Yankton County. The office of **Planning and Zoning** shall keep a record of all numbers assigned under this ordinance.

**Section III. Road Names**

No road names shall be used which duplicate, be the same in spelling or alike in pronunciation with any other existing roads. Road names shall not exceed 12 letters, including spaces. Road name suffixes shall be applied as follows:

**Street** - a road running east and west

**Avenue** - a road running north and south

**Road** - a road running east and west or north and south but which is not

appropriate to name as a street or avenue  
**Lane** - a road running northeast to southwest  
**Drive** - a road running northwest to southeast  
**Trail** - a road which wanders in different directions  
**Circle** - all cul-de-sacs  
**Court** - a road with two openings which enters and exits on the same road  
**Place** - all private roads

#### SECTION IV. POSTING OF DESIGNATED ADDRESS

Initially, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which an address has been assigned, **will be responsible for maintaining and replacing said sign if it is damaged, removed, or becomes unreadable.**

Once the addresses are in place, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any house or building will acquire the official address of any new or existing structure from the office of **Planning and Zoning.**

It shall be the duty of every person having a home or business establishment outside of municipal boundaries to affix the assigned number and remove any other number which might be mistaken for or confused with, the 911 rural address assigned to said structure by the office **Planning District III.**

Each principal building shall display the assigned address to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. In the cases where a principal building is occupied by more than one business and/or family dwelling unit, each separate dwelling or unit must display a separate address.

Numbers and/or letters indicating the official address for each principal building shall be posted in a manner as to be legible and distinguishable from the road, with letters of a contrasting color to the background, of not less than two (2) inches in width and not less than four (4) inches in height. If a building is situated in such a way that the address cannot easily be seen from the road in front of the building, a sign or address post must be used at the entrance of the primary driveway. The post must be installed so that the address is displayed on the right hand side of the driveway while looking at the building. The post must also be installed on private property, outside the road right-of-way. The sign must be between Four (4) feet and Six (6) feet above the ground. For ease of recognition by emergency responders and uniformity throughout the county, the sign posted at the driveway shall have a green background with white reflective letters and/or numbers. The letters and/or numbers shall be not less than two (2) inches in width and four (4) inches in height. The sign shall be displayed horizontally, so that the address is readable from left to right.

#### SECTION V. ALL NEW STRUCTURES

The location of the principal building will determine where the owner or developer shall procure the official address of the premises. A building located within city limits shall procure the official address of the premises from the **City's Building Permitting Authority.** A building located within the County's jurisdiction shall procure the official address of the premises from the Yankton County Planning and Zoning office.

No utility hookup or mail service shall be initiated for any principal building

until the owner or developer has procured the official address of the premises. For new construction, **the rural address number shall be displayed prior to issuing a building permit.**

The building permit will provide clearance for the installation of for utility hookups and initiation of mail service at the designated address.

#### SECTION VI. CAMPGROUNDS

Campground owners/operators shall apply for an address for the campground entrance. In addition, each camping pad/unit shall have identifying numbers, letters, or a combination of the two that identifies that pad/unit. Pad/unit addresses will be assigned by the owner of the campground and a map of the campground with pad/unit numbers shall be provided to the **Planning and Zoning Office** before any campers are placed in the campground

#### SECTION VII. PENALTIES

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of said ordinance. Each day such violations committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

Violations of this ordinance shall constitute a Class 2 Misdemeanor **as amended thirty days imprisonment in the county jail or five hundred dollar fine, or both**

#### SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect twenty (20) days after its 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Adoption.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed

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Chairman County Commission  
Yankton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Patty Hojem

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Yankton County Auditor

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