

ORDINANCE NO. 21 -04

By: Ms. MacMurray

An Ordinance to amend Bexley Codified Ordinance Chapter 1490, Section 1490.11 "Numbering of Buildings" and to declare an emergency.

Whereas, it is important for police, fire and emergency services to be able to quickly identify buildings through building numbers; and,

Whereas, the current Code Section 1490.11 does not provide for the adequate numbering of buildings. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 1490.11 of the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances should be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

1490.11 NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS.

(a) All ~~dwelling~~ RESIDENTIAL structures and all commercial buildings within the City shall have designated street numbers, which numbers shall be assigned by the ~~Service Director~~ BUILDING DEPARTMENT in accordance with the systems generally in effect and established for all of the County and heretofore used in the City, which system utilizes High Street and Broad Street in the City of Columbus as the lines of reference and provides that the numbers on the streets parallel thereto be dependent on the distance from the reference lines.

(b) ~~House~~ BUILDING numbers previously assigned and designated for existing ~~dwelling~~ RESIDENTIAL and ~~business~~ COMMERCIAL structures within the City shall be certified as official and maintained as such on the records of the Building Department, and new numbers shall be certified and assigned for new construction at the time of the application for a building permit.

(c) The owner, AGENT, LESSEE, ~~or~~ occupants, OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CONTROL OF ANY BUILDING IN THE CITY UPON A STREET TO WHICH NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED ~~of a dwelling or commercial structure~~ shall CAUSE ~~display~~ the certified house number TO BE PLACED AND CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED on THE FANLIGHT, TRANSOM, DOOR, ENTRANCE, STEPS OR OTHER CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE FRONT OF SUCH BUILDING IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE NUMBER MAY AT ALL TIMES BE LEGIBLE AND VISIBLE FROM THE STREET PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF SUCH BUILDING ~~or near the dwelling or commercial structure in a prominent and conspicuous location, near the front door or entry way, not obscured by trees, bushes, shrubs or other obstructions, and visible from the street, to facilitate police and emergency vehicles and the general public in identifying the structure.~~ IF THE

BUILDING NUMBERS ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE STREET PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF SUCH BUILDING DUE TO LANDSCAPING, BUILDING SETBACK DISTANCE, OTHER STRUCTURES OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON THE NUMBER SHALL ALSO BE CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED AT OR NEAR THE WALK, THE DRIVEWAY OR THE COMMON ENTRANCE TO SUCH BUILDING SO AS TO BE LEGIBLE AND VISIBLE FROM THE STREET PAVEMENT. AS USED IN THIS SECTION "FRONT" MEANS THAT SIDE OF THE BUILDING WHICH FACES THE STREET TO WHICH THE DESIGNATED BUILDING NUMBER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED, AND THAT THE BUILDING NUMBER SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON SUCH SIDE OF THE BUILDING. Any RESIDENTIAL or commercial structure which abuts an alley or similar right-of-way to the rear of its premises shall ALSO display in a clear and visible manner the certified house BUILDING number IN ARABIC NUMERALS OF NOT LESS THAN THE SIZE REQUIRED BY THIS CODE at the rear of the structure closest to the alley or right-of-way.

(d) ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING NUMBERS SHALL BE ~~Only~~ Arabic numerals, SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN FOUR (4) ~~at least three inches in height shall be used for such required house numbers, whether the house number is displayed on the dwelling or commercial structure or posted on a free standing or other yard sign.~~ AND THE COLOR OF THE NUMBERS SHALL CONTRAST WITH THE COLOR OF THE SURFACE ON WHICH THEY ARE MOUNTED, APPLIED OR APPEAR. INTERNALLY LUMINATED NUMBERS OR OTHER NUMBERS OF AN ARCHITECTURAL NATURE SHALL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD. THE OWNER, AGENT, LESSEE, OCCUPANT OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CONTROL OF SUCH BUILDING MAY POST ADDITIONAL SETS OF BUILDING NUMBERS IN OTHER LOCATIONS OR IN ANOTHER MANNER SUCH AS IN SCRIPT, PROVIDED THAT ONE (1) SET AT THE FRONT AND ONE SET AT THE REAR, IF REQUIRED, COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

(E) ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDING NUMBERS SHALL BE ARABIC NUMERALS, SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) INCHES IN HEIGHT AND THE COLOR OF THE NUMBERS SHALL CONTRAST WITH THE COLOR OF THE SURFACE ON WHICH THEY ARE MOUNTED, APPLIED OR APPEAR. INTERNALLY LUMINATED NUMBERS OR OTHER NUMBERS OF AN ARCHITECTURAL NATURE SHALL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE OWNER, AGENT, LESSEE, OCCUPANT OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CONTROL OF SUCH BUILDING MAY POST ADDITIONAL SETS OF BUILDING NUMBERS IN OTHER LOCATIONS OR IN ANOTHER MANNER SUCH AS IN SCRIPT, PROVIDED THAT ONE (1) SET AT THE FRONT AND ONE SET AT THE REAR, IF REQUIRED, COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

~~(eF) This section shall not prohibit or prevent an owner or occupant from displaying the designated house number in more than one location on the premises, or in~~

~~another manner, such as in script, so long as the basic requirements of this section are met. (Ord. 54-97. Passed 12-9-97.)~~ NO PERSON SHALL PLACE OR RETAIN ON ANY BUILDING ANY NUMBER OTHER THAN THE ONE DULY ASSIGNED IF SUCH ADDITIONAL NUMBER COULD REASONABLY BE MISTAKEN FOR THE ASSIGNED STREET NUMBER.

Section 2. That the existing Bexley Codified Ordinance Chapter 1490 Section 1490.11 "Numbering of Buildings" should be and hereby is repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate safety and welfare of the citizens, said emergency being the need to gain compliance during the annual Fire Safety Inspections, and shall go into force and be in effect upon its passage by the Mayor.

Passed: 4/13, 2004

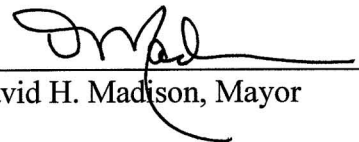


President of Council

Attest: 

Clerk of Council

Approved: 4/13, 2004



David H. Madison, Mayor

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3-30-04 Second
4-13-04 Third Reading