

ORDINANCE 63 ADDRESS NUMBERS

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to secure and maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Chocoday by providing for address numbers to be affixed to buildings and/or driveway entrances on properties located within Chocoday Township.

SECTION 2 TITLE

This Ordinance is to be known and cited as the "Charter Township of Chocoday Address Numbers Ordinance".

SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be used:

Word or Phrase	Definition
Address Number	Means the number assigned to the premises by the Township
Dwelling	Means any structure designed for human occupancy, either permanently or on a temporary basis
Street	Means the named or numbered way, public or private, that provides access to a structure or place of business
Owner	Means, but not be limited to, any person or persons owning premises, occupying or in the possession of any property
Occupant	Means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity occupying and in possession of a premises upon which a structure or a place of business is situated, whether or not as an owner, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to lessees, tenants, and land contract vendees
Structure	Means a permanent building on a property greater than 100 square feet Exception: Tents or units located on premises designated as a campground and hunting blinds are not considered structures.
Township	Means the of the Charter Township of Chocoday

SECTION 4 IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All structures, dwellings and places of business shall be identified by an address number assigned to the premises by the Township, and the number assigned to the premises shall be displayed in the following manner:

- (A) The address number shall, at a minimum, be affixed to a structure or place of business in numbers not less than three and one-half (3 1/2) inches in height.

- (B) If the address number is not clearly visible from the street when affixed to a structure or place of business in accordance with subsection A, then the address number shall be displayed in numbers not less than three and one-half (3 1/2) inches in height which shall be affixed to a sign or mailbox placed adjacent to the driveway or road entrance to the structure or place of business and is visible from both directions of travel.
- (C) Multiple dwellings or places of business on a property shall be identified with a sequential pattern of letters, numbers, or combination of letters and numbers to facilitate identification of the individual structure or place of business on the premises in the event of an emergency.
- (D) Private roads or drives that provide access to multiple structures, dwellings and places of business must have numbers at the entrance from a public road and have numbers at any branches on the private road that separate the structures, dwellings and places of business.

SECTION 5 CONFLICTS IN NUMBERING

The Township shall have the authority to change any existing numbers or numbering systems to resolve conflicts or confusion which may exist now or in the future.

SECTION 6 ENFORCEMENT

Any owner or occupant who, after receipt of a notice pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance, fails to display address numbers in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 within the time limits specified in the notice, shall be responsible for a civil infraction, and, upon a finding of responsibility, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) plus Court costs for each offense.

Each and every day during which such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and shall be punishable as such.

Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance per se, and, in addition to the penalties specified herein for such violations, the Township may seek to enforce compliance with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance by means of any and all other remedies or measures available to it by statute, ordinance, resolution, regulations, or civil or criminal law.

SECTION 7 REPEAL

Ordinance 29, amendment 29A, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8 VALIDITY

Should any action, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.

SECTION 9 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty calendar days from _____.