

IOWA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 11

TITLE: A SIGNING ORDINANCE FOR THE RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM OF IOWA COUNTY, IOWA.

SECTION 1. Purpose. This ordinance mandates the use of a mandatory signing system in conjunction with the Uniform Address System for residents of Iowa County, Iowa, in order to promote the safety, convenience and general welfare of all residents, public and private providers, and provides for penalties for violations. This ordinance is being enacted in conjunction with the provision of Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service to the residents of Iowa County, Iowa and in conjunction with County Home Rule Ordinance No. 15.

SECTION 2. Definitions. For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. "Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service" and derivatives thereof are defined to be in conformity with the provisions of Chapters 34 and 34A of the Code of Iowa.
2. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.
3. "Subdivision" shall mean the division of a tract of land into separate lots or parcels for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development.
4. "Building" shall mean a roof and/or wall structure built for permanent use.
5. "Board" shall mean the Iowa County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 3. Extent of System. The Uniform Signing System shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of Iowa County, Iowa, except for those areas already using the system of a nearby incorporated area. Unincorporated areas subject to the signing system not attached to an incorporated area shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance. Homestead, South Amana, West, Middle, High, East Amana, Amana, Koszta and Conroy shall display their signs on the house front as set forth in 4(A) below and all other areas will display their signs at their driveway as set forth in 4(B).

SECTION 4. Placement of Signs. Signs shall be placed as follows:

4(A). House sign Placement.

1. On brick structures, signs will be horizontally placed on the building on a border base ten inches to twelve inches from the side of the door frame and

eighteen inches from the top of the door on the right side of the door. If this placement is not practical, vertical placement on the door frame, twelve inches down from the top of the door shall be made.

2. On wood structures, placement on the building shall be ten inches to twelve inches from the right side of the door frame and eighteen inches down from the top of the door shall be made.

3. Structures that do not have a front entrance to the street or where the entrance is obstructed, horizontal placement ten inches to twelve inches from the side of the structure and six feet up from the ground level.

4. Wherever the sign is placed, said sign shall be clearly visible from the street or road.

5. The property owner is responsible for making the sign visible from the road. Said property owner shall assume all liability of difficulty of location of their residence when the signing requirements are not met.

6. House sign shall be purchased by the property owner with a minimum number size of three inches.

#### 4(B). Driveway Placement.

1. Rural residents shall purchase their signs from the Engineer's Office as set forth in Section 5 below.

2. Rural signs shall be placed along the driveway on private property and not on the road right-of-way.

3. Rural driveway signs shall be placed on a separate post or pole which can be purchased from the Iowa County Engineer's Office. These signs shall be placed on the post or pole between three and five feet from the ground.

4. The driveway placed sign shall be at a 90 degree angle from the road so as to be clearly visible from the road.

#### SECTION 5. Provisions of Signs.

1. House signs can be purchased anywhere with the minimum number sizes of three inches.

2. The rural driveway placement signs must be purchased from the Iowa County Engineer's Office. These signs shall be purchased by the property owners at a fee that covers the cost of said markers.

SECTION 6. New Structures. Every person erecting a residence after the date of this uniform signing ordinance becomes effective shall within seven days of commencement of construction notify the Iowa County 911 Communications Center, which center shall within fourteen days assign a number to such structure.

SECTION 7. Future Subdivisions. All new subdivisions are required to comply with the Rural Address System and future subdivisions will have the placement of the signs decided by resolution by the Board.

SECTION 8. Liability. All property owners not complying with this signing order shall be liable for the inability of any emergency vehicle not being able to locate their residence.

SECTION 9. Penalty. Refusal to use the Uniform Signing System or the removal, damaging, defacing, alteration or destruction of a rural address marker intentionally by one who has no right to so act may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days. In addition, any violation of this section shall be a county infraction which is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$100.00 for each violation, or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not exceeding \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

SECTION 10. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Severability Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Effective Date: December 14, 1993