

## CHAPTER 9. E911 EMERGENCY ADDRESSING

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### Article 9.1 Purpose

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

### Article 9.2 Authority

This Chapter 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.

### Article 9.3 Administration

This Chapter shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen or their designees, (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Selectmen) 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 in Articles 9.4 and 9.5. The Board of Selectmen shall also be responsible for maintaining the following official records of this section:

- A Town of Rangeley map for official use showing road names and numbers.
- An alphabetical list of all property owners as identified by current assessment records, by last name, showing the assigned numbers.
- An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

### Article 9.4 Naming System

All roads that serve two or more properties shall be named 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 Board of Selectmen shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as a public way.

The following criteria shall govern the naming system:

- No two roads shall be given the same name (e.g., no Pine Road and Pine Lane).

- No two roads should have similar-sounding names (e.g., Beach Street and Peach Street).
- Each road shall have the same name throughout the entire length.

### **Article 9.5 Numbering System**

Numbers shall be assigned every 50 (fifty) feet along both sides of the road, with even numbers appearing on the left side of the road and odd numbers appearing on the right side of the road, determined by the number origin. (The frontage interval may vary in more densely or lightly populated areas, and it should be so indicated where that particular interval applies.)

The following criteria shall govern the numbering system:

- All number origins shall begin from the most easterly border of Rangeley or that end of the road closest to the designated border. (The numbering origin does not have to be the town center, but could be a border with another community. See step 2a on page 23 for suggestions.) For dead end roads, numbering shall originate at the intersection of the adjacent road and terminate at the dead end.
- The number assigned to each structure shall be that of the numbered interval falling closest to the front door. If the front door cannot be seen from the main road, the number shall be that of the interval falling closest to the driveway of said structure.

Every structure with more than one principle use of occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy, (i.e., duplexes will have two separate numbers; apartments will have one road number with an apartment number, such as 235 Maple Street, Apt. 2)

### **Article 9.6 Compliance**

All owners of structures shall, by the date stipulated in Article 9.8, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said structure, the assigned numbers in the following manner:

- Number on the Structure or Residence. Where the residence or structure is within 50 (fifty) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on the front of the residence or structure near the front door or entry.
- Number at the Street Line. Where the residence or structure is over 50 (fifty) feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post, fence, wall, the mail box, or on some structure at the property line next to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.

- Size and Color of Number. Numbers shall be displayed in a color and size approved for use by the Board of Selectmen and shall be located to be visible from the road. The Board of Selectmen will determine the minimum size of the number and the recommended color of assigned numbers.
- 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.
- Interior location. All residents and other occupants are requested to post the assigned number and road name next to their telephone for emergency reference.

### **Article 9.7 New Construction and Subdivisions**

All new construction and subdivisions shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter 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 an assigned number from the Board of Selectmen. This shall be done at the time of the issuance of the building permit.
- New Subdivisions: Any prospective developer creating a subdivision shall show a proposed road name 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, shall constitute the assignment of road names and numbers to the lots in the subdivision. On the final plan showing proposed roads, the applicant shall mark on the plan, lines, or dots, in the center of the streets every 50 (fifty) feet to aid in assignment of numbers to structures subsequently constructed.

### **Article 9.8 Effective Date**

This Chapter shall become effective as of (July 1, 1997). It shall be the duty of the Town of Rangeley to notify by mail each property owner and the post office of a new address at least 30 (thirty) days before the effective date of its use. It shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this Chapter, including the posting of new property numbers, within 30 (thirty) days following notification. On new structures, numbering will be installed before final inspection or when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.

### **Article 9.9 Enforcement**

Any violation of this Chapter shall be deemed to be a nuisance.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen or their designee to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. If the Board of Selectmen or their designee shall find that any provision of this ordinance is being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, and abatement of nuisance conditions. A copy of such notices shall be maintained as a permanent record.

When the above action does not result in the correction or abatement of the violation or nuisance condition, the Board of Selectmen, upon notice from their designee, are hereby authorized and directed to institute any and all actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including seeking injunctions of violations and the imposition of fines, that may be appropriate or necessary to enforce the provisions of this Chapter in the name of the municipality.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance after receiving notice of such violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00 up to a maximum fine of \$2,500.00 for each violation by state law.