

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-73

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 5, 2008

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment, control and regulation of street numbering display within the Village of Grand Beach, to provide for penalties for the violation of this Ordinance and to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in direct conflict herein.

The Village of Grand Beach has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Grand Beach would be better served by the establishment of a uniform street house number display system. Such system will enable police agencies, ambulance services, fire services, public utilities, postal service, village officials, township officials, and other necessary services to more rapidly identify and locate properties within the Village of Grand Beach.

SECTION I- Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE".

SECTION II – Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a system within the Village of Grand Beach whereby the addresses of all premises will be identified and to provide rules and guidelines to facilitate enforcement thereof.

SECTION III – Definitions

A. The term "premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm or corporation, public or private, improved with buildings, whether occupied or not.

B. The term "house number" shall mean the official number assigned that premise by the Village of Grand Beach.

C. The term "street or road name" shall refer to any official name as recognized by government authority. No such named street or road shall be changed without the approval of the Village of Grand Beach Board and the Berrien County 911 Central Dispatch governing board.

D. "Clearly visible" means visible by a person with normal or corrected 20/20 vision.

SECTION IV – Regulation

A. All premises shall bear the distinctive street number assigned to that premise by the Village of Grand Beach and recognized by Berrien County Central Dispatch governing board.

B. 1. All houses shall display upon the front of each dwelling the distinctive street number assigned to that premise. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be clearly visible to all road traffic coming to the premise from both directions. These numbers shall be no less than four (4) inches in height.

2. If a dwelling is more than 50 feet from the street or is not clearly visible from the road, every owner of a premise shall place or display adjacent to the road on which the property fronts a sign attached to a fence or post those distinctive street numbers assigned to that premise. These numbers shall be no less than four (4) inches in height. These numbers should be visible from both directions. The sign must be placed at a height to assure it does not become obscured by winter snows or snowplowing.

3. All house numbers shall be in either block or script style numbers and shall be reflective or lighted, whether on the dwelling or on a sign at the road.

4. Any different numbers, which might be mistaken for or confused with the number assigned to said property by the Village of Grand Beach shall be removed.

SECTION V – Violations and Penalties:

Failure to display house numbers within sixty (60) days after the adoption of this ordinance, or in the case of new construction, within thirty (30) days after a letter or certificate of occupancy has been issued, shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject such violator the penalties hereinafter provided.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a misdemeanor, subject to the payment of a fine of \$50.00, plus costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both at the discretion of the Court. A subsequent or repeat violation shall be subject to increased fines of \$100.00 for the first repeat violation, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court. For each subsequent repeat violation, a person shall be subject to an increased fine of \$200.00 for each subsequent repeat violation, plus costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the Court. A repeat or subsequent violation means a second or any re-occurring violation of this Ordinance by the same person within a twelve (12) month period of the initial violation. Enforcement of this Ordinance is authorized by any enforcement officer duly appointed by the Village.

SECTION VI – Saving Clause

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VIII – Effective Date

This Ordinance was adopted by the Council of the Village of Grand Beach on the 21st day of May, 2008, and was ordered to be made effective 30 days following its publication.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

JAMES BRACEWELL, President

MARY J. ROBERTSON, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Grand Beach, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, held on the 21st day of May, 2008, and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

MARY J. ROBERTSON, Clerk