

## **ORDINANCE No. (#11-118)**

### **REQUIRING DISPLAY OF 911 ADDRESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of La Salle County has the responsibility to promote the health and well being of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties Code, Chapter 55, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 5/5-1067 (1994) provides that County Boards may name or change the name of any street, lane, road and highway and may regulate the numbering of buildings and lots adjacent thereto in the unincorporated areas of the County, and

**WHEREAS**, units of local government are required to respond to emergency calls from the residents of the county in unincorporated areas for medical, fire and law enforcement assistance,

**WHEREAS**, proper posting of E911 address signs by the residences of the county would assist emergency services agencies in La Salle County in responding to emergency calls

**WHEREAS**, the LaSalle County Board has determined that the adequate provisions of the public services to the residents of the unincorporated areas of LaSalle County, including such services as police, fire and emergency medical services, require the establishment of a uniform naming and numbering system for buildings and lots located in the unincorporated areas of LaSalle County; and

**WHEREAS**, the LaSalle County Board believes that this Ordinance will aid the public safety and deliver the aforementioned public services in a more efficient and effective manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board in conformity with its responsibility has established an Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system within LaSalle County and has already established a map and addressing system for LaSalle County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, Article VII, Section 10, and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/3 and 5) authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **Section 1 Preamble**

There is hereby established a uniform system for street, lane, road and highway naming or renaming for addressing purposes of buildings and lots on all streets, lanes, roads and highways in the unincorporated areas of LaSalle County. All buildings and lots shall be numbered for address purposes in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

## Section 2 Implementation

- A. The LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board shall have the authority to assign names to or rename all the streets, lanes, roads and highway in the unincorporated areas of LaSalle County, Illinois. Furthermore, the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board shall coordinate its efforts to implement this Ordinance with the United States postal authorities and with any other appropriate federal, state, or local jurisdiction.
- B. Signs designating the names of private streets, lanes, roads, and highways, purchased at the owner's expense, should be located so that they are easily visible to emergency services personnel traveling on such streets, lanes, roads and highways and should be installed following notification to said owner or owners by the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board.
- C. Any owner or agent applying for a new building permit must provide proof of purchase for a 911 sign. Order forms must be obtained from the La Salle County Emergency Telephone System Board Office who will be charged with the keeping of all records relating to this Ordinance. The La Salle County Emergency Telephone System Board will provide a list of approved vendors to provide the signage for all orders. The sign shall be 18 inches by 12 inches; .080 aluminum. The address numbers shall be four (4) inches in height; the assigned county road name or county road number shall be one and a half (1 1/2) inches in height on 2 sides. The numbering and road identifiers shall be of White Hi-intensity prismatic reflective material and the background shall be made of Blue Transparent Vinyl. Mounting recommendation is a 7 foot steel U-Channel post
- D. Any property or structure that already has a residential 911 sign posted that meets the requirements stated in with the exception of color this document shall be considered in compliance with this Ordinance until such time that the sign needs to be replaced due to damage or weathering that renders the sign unreadable. In such a case, a new sign will need to be purchased and reinstalled at its original location in order to be in compliance with this Ordinance. (See **Section 5 Placement of Numbers**).

## Section 3 Numbering

- A. All addressing numbers for buildings and lots shall be assigned in a manner determined by the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board in accordance with the procedures adopted by the County of La Salle. Such manner shall be in compliance with the "LaSalle County Road Identification and House Numbering System" attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Section 4 of this Ordinance.
- B. Each occupied building, including but not limited to houses, mobile homes and other structures, shall be assigned a separate number. A number shall be assigned for each separate dwelling unit/residence of said occupied building, including but not limited to apartments, condominiums, and multiple tenant structures.
- C. Existing numbers shall be changed only as necessary to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system in La Salle County, as determined by the LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board.
- D. The LaSalle County Emergency Telephone System Board shall, at its own expense, provide written notification of the proper address of each building and lot to its owner, occupant or agent in all instances where a new number has been assigned or re-assigned under the terms of this Ordinance.



#### **Section 4 Rural Address Format**

- A. All rural addressing shall be based on the LaSalle County Road Identification and House Numbering System (LaSalle County Resolution November 22, 1974) 74-29.
- B. Every public road not within a municipality will be named with a number in accordance with the coordinate system with the base line the South and West County lines. This to also include any new approved and platted rural county subdivisions to use the same coordinate numbering system. Subdivision residential addressing assignments and road naming will be done by the LaSalle County Highway Department.
- C. All North-South roads shall use the designator "EAST" All East-West roads shall use the designator "NORTH".
- D. The ODD/EVEN scheme of addressing follows the National Standard in that the EVEN numbers will always be on the East and South sides and increase as the grid numbers increase; ODD numbers will always be on the North and West sides and increase as the grid numbers increase.
- E. The structured address scheme shall be 100 addresses per mile to allow for more detailed addressing of said structures.

#### **Section 5 Placement of Numbers**

- A. The owner, occupant, or agent of each said occupied building assigned a number or each lot containing occupied buildings or a combination thereof that are adjacent to each other, and assigned a number serviced by the same driveway or common entrance to place or cause to be placed the proper, assigned address near the driveway or common entrance to the occupied building or buildings within 12 months after receiving notification of the proper number assignment.
- B. The cost for the approved 911 residential signage and its installation shall be paid for by the owner, occupant, or agent of said building or buildings.
- C. All address numbers and road identifiers shall be conspicuously placed near the driveway or common entrance at or beyond the right of way to said occupied building or each lot containing occupied buildings or combinations thereof that are adjacent to each other and assigned a number so as to be clearly visible from the street, lane, road or highway. The sign providing the 911 residential identification shall be three (3) feet above the ground and not more than five (5) feet above the ground as measured from the bottom of the post at ground level to the bottom of the sign. REMINDER Call J.U.L.I.E. Before you Dig.
- D. In addition to the above placement, *not in lieu of*, the owner, occupant or agent of said building or buildings may also elect to post the address numbers immediately above or at the side of the entrance door to the occupied building so that the address numbers and letters are clearly visible from the street, lane, road or highway.
- E. The owner, occupant or agent in charge of said real estate shall keep the posted sign clear of all vegetation, snow or other such debris such that the top two (2) feet of the post are visible from the public roadway.
- F. It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant or agent in charge of said real estate to repost any sign that is damaged, unreadable due to weathering or does not comply with this Ordinance at its original location.

## Section 6 Penalties

- A. Any person or other entity who fails to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance in regard to the placement of identification house numbers on any residence or business located in unincorporated areas in the County of LaSalle is guilty of an Ordinance Violation. A first violation shall require a mandatory minimum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and a second or subsequent violation of the same shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each day the violation remains uncorrected constitutes a separate violation.
- B. Any person, except local authorities, police officers, contractors and their employees engaged in a highway construction contract or work on the highway or roadway approved by the local authority, shall not possess any sign, signal, or marker which identifies a roadway or highway in the unincorporated areas of the County of LaSalle. Any person who unlawfully possesses such sign, signal, or marker designating the name of the highway or roadway as required by this Ordinance shall be guilty of an Ordinance Violation. A first violation of this provision shall impose a mandatory fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and a second or subsequent violation of this provision shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

## Section 7 Sign Purchases

Order forms will be available at the LaSalle County Criminal Justice Center E911 Department 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. They will be made available on the La Salle County Emergency Telephone System Board Website or available via fax or regular mail at the resident's request.

## Section 8 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption and publication in pamphlet form.

Adopted by the County Board of La Salle County, Illinois this 12 th day of SEPT, 2011

Approved:

Attest:

  
County Clerk

  
Jerry L. Hicks, Chairman  
LaSalle County Board





JO ANN CARRETTO  
LASALLE COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS                     )  
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COUNTY OF LASALLE                )

CERTIFICATE OF COPY

I, JoANN CARRETTO , County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the LaSalle County Board within and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution approved by the LaSalle County Board of LaSalle County on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2011.

The original of which has been recorded in the Official Proceedings of the LaSalle County Board of LaSalle County and that I am the legal custodian of the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my hand and fixed the seal of said County, at my office in the City of Ottawa, Illinois, this SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2011.



(LASALLE COUNTY SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the  
LaSalle County Board