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**BUILDING NUMBERING ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ord. no. 38 eff. August 22, 1994**

An Ordinance to protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property within the Charter Township of South Haven by the adoption of regulations requiring the location of identification numbers upon buildings and premises within the Township and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN
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Sec. 1. NAME.

This Ordinance shall hereafter be known and cited as the Charter Township of South Haven Building Numbering Ordinance. (ord. no. 38 eff. Aug. 22, 1994)

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Sec. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the persons and property within the Charter Township of South Haven by requiring proper identification numbers to be located upon buildings and premises within the Township to that the same can be readily identifiable for proper and efficient fire and police protection; for mail delivery services; and for the convenience of all members of the public having any need to determine or describe the location of such building or premises. (ord. no. 38 eff. Aug. 22, 1994)

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Sec. 3. REGULATIONS.

A. NUMBERING PLACEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

1. The number assigned by the County of Van Buren, pertaining to any buildings in the Charter Township of South Haven, shall be the number to which reference is hereinafter made.
2. The placement of numbers shall be accomplished in the following manner:
 - a. Every residential building located at a distance less than ninety (90) feet from the closest public road shall have Arabic numerals displayed at, on or above the front door, which Arabic numerals shall be clearly and readily identifiable to occupants of Fire Department vehicles on the public road.

- b. Every residential building located at a distance greater than ninety (90) feet from the closest public road right-of-way shall have Arabic numerals displayed at, on or above the front door, and shall have Arabic numerals displayed on a post or on a regulation United States Postal Service mail box located on the same side of the public road and directly in front of the building. The address shall be directly adjacent to and in no event at a distance greater than ten (10) feet from the public road right-of-way. The Arabic numerals shall be clearly and readily identifiable to occupants of Fire Department vehicles on the public road.
- c. Every building occupied, used or intended for use as assembly, business, educational, factory and industrial, high hazard, institutional, mercantile or storage occupancy shall have Arabic numerals displayed in such manner as to be clearly and readily identifiable to occupants of Fire Department vehicles on the public road in front of said building.
- d. This section shall be construed to mean that if the Arabic numerals as hereinafter provided shall be hidden by an awning, overhang or other appurtenance, or if the building is not clearly visible to occupants of Fire Department vehicles on the public road, then the owner of said building or the person in possession and control thereof, shall have supplementary Arabic numerals in such a manner or place as the Fire Marshal shall determine to be in compliance with the intent of the Ordinance.

3. Clearly and readily identifiable defined as capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision without causing uncertainty and indecisiveness as to the location or operating process of the item in question.
4. The size of the Arabic numerals on all buildings shall be at least four (4) inches in height. An additional one (1) inch shall be added to the size of the numerals required for each twenty (20) feet from the roadway greater than fifty (50) feet or such numerals shall be displayed at the front door and at the roadway, as determined by the Fire Marshal.

- 5. The color of the Arabic numerals shall be in contrast with the immediate background on which they are mounted. The Arabic numerals shall be displayed in a color which will permit the same to be readily visible during a normal daylight.
- 6. All existing developed property shall be identified in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Ordinance required above.
- 7. All applicants for building permits for new construction or alterations of existing structures shall be given a copy of the requirements for numbering their buildings and shall agree to comply with these requirements before any building permit shall be issued.
- 8. Building numbers may be spelled out on the building for decorative purposes; however, Arabic numerals will be required also in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.
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Sec. 4. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any provision or section of the within Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or unenforceable for any reason, such provision or section shall be severed from this Ordinance and the remaining provisions shall be enforceable without respect to the severed and unenforceable provision or section.
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Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance was introduced to the Charter Township of South Haven Board at a regular meeting of July 13, 1994. First publication, July 19, 1994. Adopted at a regular meeting on August 17, 1994 and will be effective on date of second publication August 22, 1994.
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