

Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance

1. This ordinance establishes a system to number each building and name each way in the Town of Sunapee and implement the maintenance of this system once established.
2. For purposes of this ordinance the following definitions will apply:
 - Building: Any structure, whether public or private, primarily used as a residence, business, and school or for public use.
 - Way: Any street, road, highway, lane, alley or court whether public or private.
3. All buildings shall be numbered. All ways with three or more buildings shall be named. All ways with less than three buildings may be named.
4. Street numbering shall radiate from the intersection of Main Street, Lower Main Street and Route 11, which is designated the center of town. Routes 11 and 103 shall be numbered starting at the Newport town line.
5. The low number end of the ways will be determined by the following rules. Where more than one rule applies, the first rule takes precedence:
 - a. Numbering will start at the end of the way nearest the center of town when the way leads to or comes from ways of equal volume.
 - b. When any way leads to or starts from ways of different volumes, the numbers will start at the end intersecting with the larger volume way.
 - c. Dead end ways will be numbered from their entrance.
 - d. Cluster developments that have an acceptable numbering system in effect may maintain that system.
 - e. Where lot sizes are such that various numbers may apply to one lot, numbers will be assigned based on the driveway location.
 - f. Buildings that are on a corner of two ways will be numbered based on the driveway location.
 - g. Buildings on unnamed private ways will be numbered from the intersecting way. The building closest to the named way will have the lowest number assigned to it.
6. Starting at the low number end, the streets will be numbered with even numbers on the right and odd numbers on the left. Numbers will be assigned based on 50-foot increments along each way.
7. Any ways that come into existence after passage of this ordinance or any ways not now required to be named but that add buildings that would require their naming, shall be named after application to the Board of Selectmen for approval. No way shall be named without this approval.
8. Residents that may wish to change the name of an existing way may petition the Board of Selectmen for such a change. A public hearing shall be held at which time the Board of Selectmen may approve or deny this petition.
9. Within one year of the passage of this ordinance, owners of all buildings that are numbered will cause these numbers to be affixed in a place that is readily visible from the numbered way with the unaided eye in natural daylight. These numbers will be at least four inches high and in a contrasting color to the background.
10. A map designated as "The Official Map of the Ways of the Town of Sunapee" shall be filed with the Town Clerk of Sunapee. All existing ways shall henceforth be known by the names as designated on this map. All changes or additions made in accordance with this ordinance shall be recorded with Town Clerk for inclusion on this map.
11. If any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid it shall have no effect on the balance of the ordinance.

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