

## LYON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 22

# LYON COUNTY ENHANCED 9-1-1 SIGNING ORDINANCE

ADOPTED BY THE  
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF LYON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
ON DECEMBER 20, 2005  
AMENDED ON MAY 16, 2006

### Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Lyon County Enhanced 9-1-1 (E-911) Signing Ordinance. When referred to herein, it shall also be known as "ordinance".

### Section 2: Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide consistent signing/signage for effective and rapid locations of properties located throughout the County. It is expected that uniform and consistent signage throughout the County will benefit emergency responders as well as many individuals, companies and other organizations locate residences, businesses and other properties situated within the unincorporated areas of the County.

### Section 3: Administration

This ordinance shall be administered by the Lyon County Public Works Department and the Lyon County Sheriffs Department, and shall be coordinated with other units of government or county departments as necessary to achieve its purpose. The Lyon County Board of Commissioners shall designate a Coordinator who shall be responsible for the implementation and compliance with this ordinance. Included in the Coordinator's duties is the assignment of location numbers to all structures and/or properties on existing and proposed roads in accordance with Public Safety Answering Point standards as adopted by the Lyon County Sheriff's Department in the development of its E-911 system.

### Section 4: Definitions:

1. Owners. "Owners" refers to the person, people, or entity that holds title to the property as reflected on the official county records.
2. Property. "Property refers to any property on which a permanent structure is served by one or more of the following utilities: 1. Electricity; 2. Municipal Water (rural water), or; 3. Telephone Service. All property shall be numbered as set out in Sections 5 and 7.
3. Road. "Road" refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, or similar paved, gravel or dirt thoroughfare. All roads shall be signed regardless of whether the ownership of the road is public or private. A private driveway or field approach is not considered a road subject to the signage requirements of this ordinance. A name assigned by Lyon County to a private road shall not constitute or imply acceptance of the road as public.

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**Section 5: Addressing System**

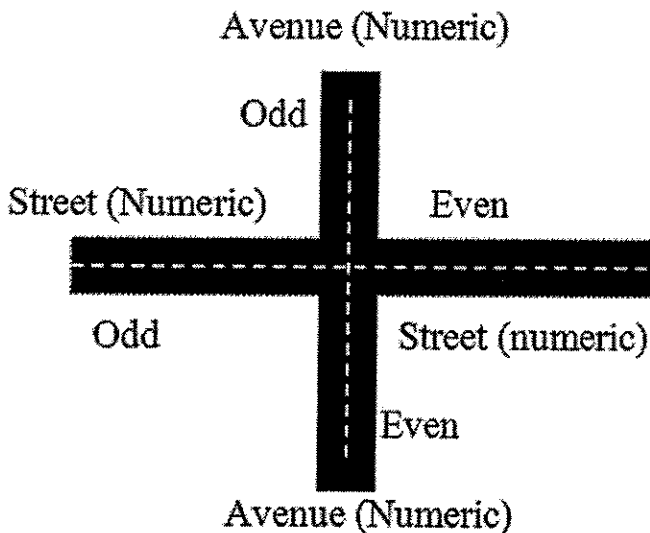
County roads shall maintain their existing designation (number). All new avenue and street designations on County roads shall be in addition to the existing designation. Signs erected pursuant to this ordinance shall include both designations and shall be in addition to and not replace existing signs thus creating a “dual designation” of some roads. No two roads shall be given the same number.

Roads identified as avenues will run North/South and are numeric. The numbers assigned to avenues will increase as you travel to the East. The West/East numbering of avenues will start at 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue and increases to 340<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the eastern area of the County.

Roads identified as streets will run East/West and are numeric. The numbers assigned to streets will increase as you travel to the North. The South/North numbering of streets will start at 100<sup>th</sup> Street and increases to 340<sup>th</sup> Street in the northern area of the County.

There are 100 potential addresses per road in a section. Residence numbers start at 1000 and increase from West to East on streets and will increase from South to North on avenues. No two properties shall have the same address.

Residence numbers in the Klein Subdivision may be assigned 3 digit address numbers and shall increase from East to West on streets and increase from North to South on avenues.



**Section 6: Property Sign Placement**

Property signs are required on every property served by landline telephone service and any property that has been assigned an E911 address. A property owner may request a property sign on a parcel that is not served by landline telephone service. Each owner of a parcel(s) requiring signage shall be required to display and maintain the respective property sign. Each property sign shall be placed so it can be seen from each direction of travel on the road adjoined by the driveway and as close to the road and driveway as to

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not constitute a hazard. Any existing numbering that is not in conformance with this ordinance shall be removed by the owner. For uniformity, visibility and maintenance, all property signs shall be fabricated and installed consistent with the County's Property Sign Standards as determined by the County Engineer.

### **Section 7: Road Intersection Sign Placement**

Road intersection signs shall conform to the more restrictive of Federal DOT guidelines or the criteria established by the County. Generally, sign placement will occur at the Northeast corner of an intersection unless the design of the intersection warrants alternative placement. For uniformity, visibility and maintenance, all road intersection signs shall be fabricated and installed consistent with the County's Road Intersection Sign Standards as determined by the County Engineer.

### **Section 8: New Construction or Subdivisions**

All new construction and subdivisions shall be named and numbered as provided below.

1. **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 Coordinator. The new owner will pay a fee as set by the Lyon County Fee Schedule for the cost and installation of the sign at the time of the issuance of the land use permit.
2. **New Subdivisions:** Road numbers/names shall conform, whenever possible, to the existing road numbering. A developer shall pay a fee as set by the Lyon County Fee Schedule for the cost and installation of the sign prior to issuance of land use permits following the approval of a final plat.

### **Section 9: Penalty for Violating Ordinance**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of up to \$300 as provided by Minnesota law. Nothing in this section prohibits the Lyon County Public Works Department from installing a new sign consistent with the provisions of this ordinance after giving proper notice by personal service or return receipt certified mail to a property owner or township board and its failure to erect a proper sign. Any and all costs of installation, including labor, shall be assessed against the property owner or township.

### **Section 10: Sign Placement, Cost, and Ownership**

Lyon County is responsible for the procurement and initial placement of all road and property location signs pursuant to this ordinance. The cost and installation of the initial road signs will be paid for by Lyon County. The cost and installation of the individual property signs will be assessed to the respective property owner. Ownership and subsequent maintenance of property signs will revert to the individual property owners after the initial installation is complete. Ownership and subsequent maintenance of road

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signs at the intersections of township roads with other township roads revert to the individual townships once the initial installation is complete.

### **Section 11: Risk Acceptance**

A property owner or resident who fails or refuses to comply with this ordinance shall be deemed to have assumed any and all risk associated therewith including the potential of receiving delayed emergency assistance. Lyon County assumes no liability for a property owner's or resident's refusal to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

### **Section 12: Severability**

In the event that any portion of this ordinance is found by a Court to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

### **Section 13: Fee Schedule**

A fee schedule shall be established by the Lyon County Board of Commissioners to implement section 8 of this ordinance. The fee set for erecting new property sign and post or new intersection sign and post shall cover the cost of the sign, post, other materials, labor and overhead for its installation.

### **Section 14: County Option for Sign Maintenance**

The Lyon County Highway Department may be hired to replace damaged or destroyed signage. Due to the variable damage anticipated for different sign installations, the customer will be billed for the actual materials and related hardware used, labor, labor additive and overhead cost for the work performed.

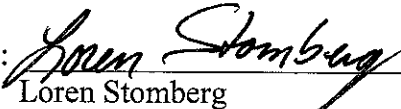
### **Section 15: Effective Date**

The effective date of this ordinance will be upon publication of summary ordinance.

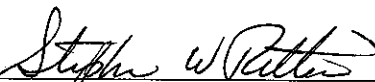
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County Board Adopted on December 20, 2005.

  
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