IDENTIFICATION OF STREETS AND DWELLINGS

CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE 96-6

- Adopted on September 5, 1996
- Never included in the municipal code when the code was complied in 2009
- Ordinance does two things:
 - 1. It requires that all new public roads use a numerical system even if they have a name.
 - 2. All dwellings have an address posted on the exterior of the structure.

ORDINANCE 96-6

- An ordinance requiring that all streets be identified with a number and not just a name and that all homes have a house identification number on the exterior of the structure.
- Section I: It is herby required that all streets in the City of Midway be identified using a numerical system as defined by the City of Midway. All subdivisions shall use numbers to identify new public streets.
- Section II: In the opinion of the City Council of Midway City, it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the Midway City that this Ordinance be approved and become effective and be in force upon the passage and posting.

ORDINANCE 96-6

- Language is confusing
- Private roads should be included
- Add language that allows the developer to choose a road name
- If a number can be assigned, if the road is straight and runs either north and south or east and west, then it will be assigned
- Addresses should be visible from the road
 - On the dwelling and;
 - At the driveway entrance if the dwelling is not visible from the street

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Wasatch County has a policy that allows only numbers if a number can be assigned
- Road names are only allowed if the road cannot be assigned a number
- Fire District and EMS prefer numbers, but they do accept names
- Developers prefer names over numbers

FIRE DISTRICT RESPONSE

 From an emergency response standpoint the Fire District prefers numerical addresses that allows a more rapid location when an emergency pages out. But, we realize that isn't always the most desirable for developers. Whenever possible we prefer numbered addresses but when roads are given names we would request that the address is also located on the sign. There are a few throughout Midway with the Name on the left hand side and the physical address stacked to the right. The only street addréss requirement fire code has is that the numbers / letters be a minimum of 4" in height with a 1/2" stroke and contrasting to the background. There are a few signs that stack the road name on top of the address. This is problematic as it is difficult to read from a distance when responding and does not meet code. We would ask that this style not be used.

SIGN FORMAT

Good example



Bad example

1400 E BRIDAL CREEK LN

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

CHAPTER 12.14 STREET AND HOUSE NUMBERING

 A. It is hereby required that all homes in the City of Midway be clearly identified by a house identification number on the exterior of the structure which number shall be approved by the City. The numbering shall be of a size and style which can be clearly seen from the road. At the discretion of the Building Inspector, if there is a situation where the identification number on the exterior of the structure is not visible from the road (i.e. flag lots, rural preservation lots, lots of record, etc.), the Building Inspector may require the lot to have an identification number posted on the street in front of the lot, as well as on the structure itself before issuing a certificate of occupancy.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

 B. It is hereby required that all streets in the City of Midway be identified using a City-wide numerical system. New public and private roads may be given a common name but will also have a numerical identifier if possible and signage as approved by the City. In order to avoid confusion, any proposed names for new private or public streets shall be approved by the Planning Department to assure no other streets within Wasatch County share the identical or similar name.

POSSIBLE FINDINGS

- The proposed language allows developers to choose a street name for their development as long as the name is not identical or similar to another street name in Wasatch County
- All dwellings will be required to have an address visible from the street
- Private roads are included in the ordinance instead of the language in the current ordinance that only applies to public streets