

**CHAPTER 9
NAMING ROADS, NUMBERING BUILDINGS**

4-9-1: PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose is to establish a rural road naming and numbering system and a rural building numbering system for Green County to create and establish regulations for such system and to provide for its administration, control and enforcement. This Chapter is created, adopted and amended pursuant to the authority granted in §59.03, §59.54 (4), and §59.54(6), Wis. Stats.

4-9-2: ADMINISTRATION

The rural road naming system and building numbering system shall be supervised by the Land Use and Zoning Committee of the Green County Board of Supervisors and shall be administrated by the Green County Zoning Administrator.

4-9-3: COSTS, ROAD NAMES

Costs to the County for the rural road naming shall be limited to the necessary administrative cost, including developing and maintaining a master index of road names and preparation of an annual official road naming map. The costs of securing, erecting and maintaining rural road signs shall be the responsibility of the towns.

4-9-4: ROAD NAME SELECTION

There is hereby established a uniform system of names for all roads in the unincorporated areas of Green County as follows:

- A. U.S. and State trunk highways which are presently designated by number by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, shall retain such designations. New U.S. and State trunk highways shall be numbered by the State Division of Highways.
- B. All County highways which are presently designated by letter shall retain such designations. New County highways shall be letter designated by the County Highway Commission.
- C. All other public roads shall be designated by name according to the following procedure:
 - 1. All roads presently named and new roads named by Town Board resolutions shall be submitted to the Committee for comparison of existing road names to avoid conflicts with other roads with a similar or identical name. Should there be a conflict with other road names, the Committee shall cooperate with the Town Board in the selection of a name which does not conflict with the other road names. Upon approval by the Committee, the name shall be added to the master index of road names and included on the official road naming map.
 - 2. Those roads within new subdivisions of land shall be reviewed by the Committee for conflicts with other road names. Upon approval of the subdivision by the Committee and recording of same in the County Register of Deeds office, the road names

thereon shall be added to the master index of road names for inclusion in the next official road naming map.

3. It shall be unlawful to designate a road name or display a road name sign to a private road or driveway which has not been adopted by a municipality as a public road. All buildings and residences accessed by private roads or private driveways shall be assigned a rural number and road name from the public road serving as the access road for the structure. (Ord. 01-0401, 4/17/01)
- D. When consistent with the public interest in providing government and emergency services, and on application of the owner, the County Planning Agency may name private roads following the same process that is used in naming public roads provided that the owner or owners of the lands on which any private road is located agree, by written instrument, to maintain approved signs displaying the road name or names assigned by the Agency. An owner or owners, together with the heirs, successors and assigns, shall not thereafter change the name of any such road without written consent of the Agency. (Ord. 60-0601, 6-13-06)

4-9-5: ROAD NAME SIGNS

- A. Road name signs shall be erected at the intersections of all roads within the towns showing the names of the roads in accordance with the official road naming map.
- B. Signs shall be so erected as to be clearly visible to the road-using public and shall be of a uniform design and color, mounted on suitable posts in a uniform manner throughout the County.
- C. The furnishing of the nameplates for U.S., State and County highways at intersections with town roads shall be at the discretion of the Town Boards.
- D. In those towns which have erected road-naming signs prior to 1981, such signs may be used until replacement is necessary. After January 1, 1981, no other signs except those approved by the Zoning Committee shall be erected or used under the road naming plan.

4-9-6: BUILDING NUMBERING ADMINISTRATION

- A. Authority: The rural numbering system shall be supervised by the County Land Use and Zoning Committee and shall be administered by the County Zoning Administrator. The Committee shall make reasonable rules necessary to provide for the orderly implementation of the rural numbering system. (Ord. 80-910; eff. 1-1-81)
- B. Costs:
 1. The costs of administering the rural numbering system shall be included in the budget of the Green County Zoning Department.
 2. Numbers, letters, frames, backing plates, and posts shall be furnished by the County at cost to the property owner.
 3. It shall be the responsibility of Green County to install the initial numbers, signs, and posts for implementation of the Rural Numbering System. Numbers and posts for

new buildings constructed after the initial implementation of the system shall be issued to the building owner at the time of issuance of the owner's zoning permit. The County shall furnish such numbers, signs, and posts, but it shall be the responsibility of the owner to install the same in accordance with the County's direction therefor. Signs, numbers, and posts which are lost, mutilated, or destroyed after initial installation shall be replaced by building owners at the building owner's expense. The County shall provide such replacements to the owner at the County's cost therefor, and it shall be the owner's responsibility to place said signs, numbers, and posts in accordance with the County's direction therefor. (Ord. 82-1110)

C. Master Files and Official Map:

1. The Zoning Administrator shall maintain a master file of all numbers assigned by this Department.
2. When all existing buildings have been assigned a number, the Zoning Administrator shall prepare an official numbering map showing the location of all numbers assigned.
3. When a zoning permit is issued for new buildings, a number shall be assigned to that building and so recorded in the master file and placed on the official map.
4. Copies of the master file and maps shall be furnished to those agencies and service organizations as the Committee so directs.

D. Building Numbering/Fire Number Signs: No other signs, numbers or posts other than those approved by the Committee shall be used. The Committee shall set specifications of said signs and their locations. (Ord. 80-910, 9-9-80, eff. 1-1-81) The official building numbering sign/fire number sign shall be obtained from the Zoning Department and posted on the premises in plain view at the point that the individual driveway to the individual building lot begins. For those building lots which share a common private driveway or private road access, a summary sign indicating the range of building/fire numbers located or proposed to be located on that private access shall be obtained from the Zoning Department at the landowner's expense, and shall be posted at the point of where the public road intersects with the shared driveway.

E. Building Numbering System:

1. Roads in General East-West or North-South Directions: There shall be established an east base line and a south base line. The east base line shall be the east County line and the number shall begin at one hundred (100). All roads lying in a general east-west direction shall be numbered from the east base line. There shall be four hundred (400) numbers assigned to each section of land measured from the east base line; the north side of an east-west road shall be assigned even numbers and the south side shall be assigned odd numbers. The south base line shall be the south lines of the County, which shall begin at one hundred (100); all roads lying in a general north-south direction shall be numbered from the south base line. There shall be four hundred (400) numbers assigned to each section of land measured from the south base line; the east side of a north-south road shall be assigned even numbers and the west side shall be assigned odd numbers.

2. Numbers: Numbers shall be assigned on a basis of one number on each side of the road for each thirteen and two-tenths feet (13.2') of distance from the section line. On unplatted land the number shall be assigned at the intersection of the center line of the driveway and the right-of-way line of the public road. On platted land the number shall be assigned at the center of the front lot line. (Ord. 85-430)
- F. Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction Areas: Existing buildings in a municipality's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction area shall be numbered as provided for in this Chapter. For new buildings, the County shall furnish numbers, plates, frames and posts upon application by the building inspector of the village or city responsible for issuing zoning permits in the extraterritorial areas. The application shall include a legal description of the parcel of land on which the building is located and if unplatted land, the location of the driveway serving the building.
- G. Use of Urban Number System for Buildings:
1. Areas Not Annexed: The Committee, with the concurrence of the Town Board, may authorize the extension into areas immediately surrounding cities and villages of the urban numbering system used by those municipalities.
 2. Areas Annexed: Annexation by municipalities of areas subject to this Chapter shall automatically terminate the jurisdiction conferred by this Chapter on the annexed area if such election is made by the annexing municipality and subject to the adjustment of assets and liabilities, it being understood that ownership of building numbering and road naming signs remain the property of Green County and of the respective towns.
- H. Damage to Signs:
1. Willful Damage: It shall be unlawful, and a violation of this Chapter to willfully disturb, remove, deface or damage any sign erected or maintained under the provisions of this Chapter. Any person violating this Section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and costs and on default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, by imprisonment in the County jail until such forfeiture and costs are paid but not to exceed thirty (30) days.
 2. Accidental Damage: Any person who accidentally disturbs, removes or defaces or damages any sign, or the owner of any land whose sign is disturbed, removed, defaced or damaged shall immediately report the same to the Green County Zoning Department. Willful failure to report such damage shall be a violation of this Chapter and shall be subject to a forfeiture of not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs, and, on default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, by imprisonment in the County jail until such forfeiture and costs are paid, but not to exceed thirty (30) days.
 3. Owner's Responsibility: The owner of the land on which a numbering sign is located shall be responsible for the replacement of removed, lost, damaged or defaced signs. Green County shall furnish signs and parts to the owner at its cost.
- I. Effect on Other Ordinances: Provisions of other ordinances of Green County inconsistent herewith are repealed and superseded.

- J. Cooperation: The County shall cooperate with the towns in the County in the implementation of this Chapter. (Ord. 80-910; Ord. 01-0401, 4/17/01)

CHAPTER 10 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND TOWER ORDINANCE

4-10-1: PURPOSE

The purposes of the regulations and requirements of this chapter are to:

1. Accommodate the communication needs of the residents and businesses while protecting the public health, safety and general welfare;
2. Facilitate the provision of wireless communication facilities through careful siting and design standards; consistent with the U.S. Communications Act of 1996;
3. Minimize adverse visual effects of wireless communication facilities through land use planning standards.
4. Avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from the construction and operation of wireless communication facilities and towers, through structural standards and setback requirements; and
5. Maximize the use of existing and approved towers, buildings or structures to accommodate new wireless communication antennas to reduce the number of towers needed to serve the industry.

4-10-2: JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of this chapter shall be limited to the unincorporated areas of Green County.

4-10-3: DEFINITIONS

ANS/TIA/EIA: American National Standard/Telecommunication Industry Association/Electronic Industrial Association.

ANTENNA: Any device or equipment used for the transmission or reception of electromagnetic waves, which may include omni-directional antenna (rod), directional antenna (panel) or parabolic antenna (disc).

APPLICANT: Any person, provider, firm, partnership or company who files an application for any permit required by this code for the construction, replacement, or alteration of a wireless communication facility or any component thereof.

COLLOCATION: The attachment of more than one antenna or antenna array, or more than one FCC regulated service provider on the same supporting structure.

COMMUNICATION TOWERS: Communication towers include but are not limited to broadcast towers, including tv, fm, low power tv (lp tv) stations, and low power fm stations. Communications towers do not include amateur radio towers or wireless communication towers.