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**UPPER BERN TOWNSHIP  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF UPPER BERN TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSE NUMBERS PRESENTLY EXISTING OR HEREINAFTER INSTALLED IN SAID TOWNSHIP; ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET SIGNS BY DEVELOPERS PRIOR TO SAID STREETS BEING ACCEPTED FOR DEDICATION BY THE TOWNSHIP; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as set forth hereinbelow:

**House Number.** The number which has been legally assigned to a residence, apartment building, or business for the purpose of identification and for the use by the United States Postal Service for the delivery of mail.

**Street Sign.** The sign which displays the name of the street as approved by the Upper Bern Township Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors of Upper Bern Township in any area under development and which street has not yet been formally accepted by Upper Bern Township.

**Clearly Visible.** Displayed in a manner which allows the sign to be clearly seen, day or night, from the street in front of the building, unobstructed by trees, shrubs, vegetation, or any structures upon the property.

**Property Owner.** The person(s), corporation(s), or other legal entity or entities who own

or lease any residence, apartment building, or business located within Upper Bern Township.

## **SECTION 2. STANDARDS OF DISPLAY**

The property owner of each residence, apartment building, or business shall provide and display the legally assigned house number and/or required identification as follows:

**A. House Number.** The owner of any residence, apartment building, or business shall display the house number in such a fashion that it is clearly visible from the street, day or night. The House Number shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three inches (3") in height, contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed, and as near to the front entrance as is physically possible.

**B. Private Lane.** The owner of any residence, apartment building, or business which is located on a private lane which intersects with a public street shall display the legally assigned house number at the intersection of the private lane and the public street and shall also display the house number at the intersection of the private lane and the driveway, and shall furthermore display the house number on the residence, apartment building or business nearest to the point where a vehicle would stop at the building. Each display of house number shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three (3) inches in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed. At the intersection of the private lane and the public street and at each intersection of the private lane and the driveway, the numbers shall be placed on a post or other structure which displays the numbers forty-eight inches (48") above the ground.

**C. Malls and Shopping Centers.** The property owner of any business which is located within a mall or shopping center shall display the legally-assigned number at the main entrance to the business. The numbers shall not be less than three inches (3") in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed. Additionally, the property owner of each business located within a mall or shopping center shall display the name of the business on the rear door to the building in letters which are not less than three inches (3") in height and contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed.

**D. Additional Numbers.** If any residence, apartment building, or business (except malls or shopping centers) is located so that the house number is not clearly visible from the street, an additional house number shall be posted at the intersection of the driveway with the public street. The additional house number shall be made up of numbers which are not less than three inches (3") in height, contrasting in color with the background on which they are affixed, and placed upon a post or other structures which displays the number forty-eight inches (48") above the ground.

**E. Street Signs.** The developer of any subdivision or development which is under construction shall post approved signs with the approved name of the street and the intersecting street prior to the occupancy of any home on said street.

### **SECTION 3. MAINTENANCE**

The property owner of any residence, apartment building, or business shall maintain the clearly visible display of house numbers as required under this Ordinance at all times. Developers shall

maintain street signs that are clearly visible until such time as the street has been formally accepted by the Township.

#### **SECTION 4. NOTICE TO COMPLY**

The Code Enforcement Officer of Upper Bern Township is hereby authorized to enter upon private property for the purposes of inspection and to give notice by personal service or by certified mail to persons in violation of this Ordinance directing them to abate such a violation within ten (10) days after issuance of such notice. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **SECTION 5. PENALTIES**

Any property owner who violates the provisions of this Ordinance, upon conviction thereof by a District Justice after hearing held, shall be subject to a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$300.00), plus costs of prosecution.

#### **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or term contained in this Ordinance be declared unlawful or unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the earliest date allowed by law after enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Bern Township this

3 day of June, 1998.

UPPER BERN TOWNSHIP,  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By:

Tim B. ...  
Chairman

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Supervisor

John M. ...  
Supervisor

Attest:

Autunin Kauffman  
Autunin Kauffman, Secretary