

**SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK NO. 16**  
**(Adopted September 15, 1997)**

The following ordinance previously proposed by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, and after due advertisement and publication for adoption, as provided by law, on motion by James D. East, seconded by James E. Walker and carried, is hereby adopted as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
E-911 SYSTEM ENTITLED "ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS  
FOR DISPLAY OF RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS STREET  
NUMBERS".**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Patrick has determined that it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens to establish an E911 emergency telephone system, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has further determined that in order to efficiently implement and operate its E-911 emergency telephone system, that all business and street address identified by number shall have said number prominently and visibly displayed for the purpose of easy identification by Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement personnel responding to emergency calls, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.1-505 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to prescribe fines and other punishments of violations of county ordinances,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, Virginia, as follows:

1. Every citizen shall prominently display their resident house or business address number in a manner that promotes readily visible sight identification from a public or private road in the event that the citizens of the county have an emergency or crisis at their home or place of business. Address numbers shall be a minimum of 3 inches high and be visible at night.

2. In the interest of personal and public safety, it is highly recommended that address numbers be displayed horizontally and be perpendicular to the highway in order to be seen from both directions from the

highway by emergency vehicle headlights. Address numbers should be posted at or near the public street, within ten feet of the shoulder or bank of said street and as near as practical to the driveway.

3. If the driveway leading to the residence branches off of an unnamed private roadway, then address number must be displayed at the public street and at the branch of the drive.

4. All buildings and structures containing more than one residence or business shall display an address number at or near the public street as described above and each individual residence or business shall display an identifying number on, above or to the side of the main doorway of each residence or business.

5. The Emergency Services Coordinator is hereby designated as the person or agent responsible for the administration, implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.

6. The Emergency Services Coordinator is authorized to grant variances to the above requirements if said variances will promote visibility of the street number and the accurate identification of the residence or business requesting a variance.

7. Pursuant to section 15.1-505 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the penalty for a willful failure to display address signs in the manner described by this ordinance shall be a Class IV misdemeanor.

Voting Aye: Clements, Walker, East, Hopkins and Shelor

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

The following revised ordinance presented at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Patrick County Administration Building thereof, having been duly advertised for adoption as provided by law, and after discussion thereof on Wednesday, September 11, 2002, on motion by Roger L. Martin, seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried, is hereby adopted:

**An Ordinance Pursuant to the Establishment of an E-911 System Entitled "ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR DISPLAY OF RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS STREET NUMBERS".**

WHEREAS, the County of Patrick has determined that it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens to establish an E-911 emergency telephone system, and

WHEREAS, the County has further determined that in order to efficiently implement and operate its E-911 emergency telephone system, that all business and street address identified by number shall have said number prominently and visibly displayed for the purpose of easy identification by Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement personnel responding to emergency calls.

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-1429 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, authorized the Board of Supervisors to prescribe fines and other punishments of violations of county ordinances.

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, Virginia, as follows:

1. Every citizen shall prominently display their resident house or business address number in a manner that promotes readily visible sight identification from a public or private road in the event that the citizens of the county have an emergency or crisis at their home or place of business. Address number shall be a minimum of 3 inches high and be visible at night.
2. In the interest of personal and public safety, it is highly recommended that address numbers be displayed horizontally and be perpendicular to the highway in order to be seen from both directions from the highway by emergency vehicle headlights. Address numbers shall be posted at or near the public street, within ten feet of the shoulder or bank of said street and as near as practical to the driveway.
3. If the driveway leading to the residence branches off of an unnamed private roadway, then address number must be displayed at the public street and at the branch of the drive.
4. All building and structures containing more than one residence or business shall display an address number at or near the public street as described above and each individual residence or business shall display an identifying number on, above or to the side of the main doorway of each residence or business.
5. The Sheriff of Patrick County, Virginia, is hereby designated as the person or agent responsible for the administration, implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.
6. The E-911 Coordinator is authorized to grant variances to the above requirements if said variances will promote visibility of the street number and accurate identification of the residence or business requesting a variance.
7. Pursuant to Section 15.2-1429 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the penalty for a willful failure to display address signs in the manner described by this ordinance shall be a Class IV misdemeanor.

Voting Aye: East, Martin, Cockerham, Harris and Smith  
Voting Nay: None