

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF HOUSE AND BUILDING
NUMBERING FOR ALL STRUCTURES AND REQUIRING
THE PLACEMENT OF THE NUMBERS ON EACH STRUCTURE
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

§ 1 Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "House or Building Numbering Ordinance of the Township of Bordentown."

§ 2 Adoption of provisions. The Township Committee hereby adopts the following provisions with respect to house or building numbering in the Township of Bordentown.

§ 3 Purpose. The purpose of these regulations is to require the clear display of authorized and assigned house or building numbers on every building fronting on any street in the Township of Bordentown in order to assist the general public and emergency services, public and private, in identifying any property in case of emergency or otherwise.

§ 4 Applicability. All residential, commercial, industrial or other structures erected or to be erected within the Township of Bordentown shall display identification numbers as provided herein and in accordance with specifications provided herein.

§ 5 Determination and assignment of house or building numbers. House or building numbers shall be determined and assigned by the Chief of Police or his designee of the Township of Bordentown, who shall also serve as the Municipal 9-1-1 Coordinator for the Township of Bordentown. The owner of any structure requiring a house or building number for which structure a number has not been assigned as of the effective date of this ordinance will be notified by the township when the designated number is assigned to the structure.

§ 6 Requirements. The owner, occupant or lessee of each and every structure which now fronts or which may hereafter front upon any public or private street within the Township of Bordentown who has been assigned a house or building number prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall, at his own expense, within 30 days after the effective date of this ordinance, cause the authorized and assigned number of the structure to be permanently and conspicuously placed in accordance with the specifications set forth herein. Any owner who has not been assigned a number prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall, within 30 days after notice of assignment of the number, comply with the requirements of this section.

§ 7 Specifications. House or building numbers shall be:

- A. In Arabic numerals.
- B. A minimum height of three inches for residential properties and a minimum height of six inches for commercial and industrial properties.
- C. Mounted in a secure fashion to the front wall or porch of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- D. Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- E. At least 30 inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street upon which the building fronts.

§ 8 Placing numbers on post, rod or mailbox. If numbers affixed to the front of the building would not be easily visible from the street, regulations may be satisfied if the owner, occupant or lessee shall provide the Arabic numbers, as required by these regulations, upon a post, rod or other type of fixture of substantial nature or a mailbox at or near the frontage with the same number affixed thereon and so located upon the same, so that the number may be conspicuous and visible from the street upon which the building fronts. When the provisions of this section have been complied with, the owner, occupant or lessee of the house or building shall not be otherwise obligated to affix Arabic numbers to the house or building and shall be permitted, at his option, to utilize cursive numbers or no numbers at all upon the house or building.

§ 9 Garden apartments and townhouse condominium complexes. Garden apartment and townhouse-condominium complexes shall provide the building and apartment numbers as are provided for in the regulations.

§ 10 Certificates of occupancy. Any structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after the effective date of this ordinance shall have the certificate of occupancy withheld until it is assigned a house or building number and the number is affixed to the structure in accordance with this ordinance.

§ 11 Violations and penalties.

Any person or persons convicted of a violation of these regulations shall be liable to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail, the punishment to be levied at the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. Each day that the violation occurs shall be deemed to be a separate violation.

§ 12. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

- A Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication of notice in accordance with the law.

INTRODUCED: JANUARY 27, 2014
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 10, 2014