

Ordinance 22
Township of Bridgewater
Property Identification

An ordinance to provide for the general health, safety, welfare and police and fire protection for the Township of Bridgewater by requiring all developed property to have a property identification number visible from the roadway, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions thereof

THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Township Board hereby determines that to provide proper police, fire, health, welfare and emergency services, public or private, to residences and businesses, it is necessary to provide for property identification numbers visible from the public roadways adjacent to residences and businesses in the Township of Bridgewater.

Section 2. Requirements.

1. All property upon which houses, dwellings, buildings, mobile homes, businesses, and other such structures are constructed or located, within the Township of Bridgewater, shall be considered developed property and shall have property identification numbers which shall be posted on the face and /or other appropriate side of the house, dwelling, business or structure in a manner and location so that said identification numbers are clearly and readily readable. to a person of normal vision, from the adjacent roadway. In the event the house, dwelling, mobile home, business or structure is located on the property so that the posted numbers are not clearly readable from the roadway, due to distance or intervening sight barriers such as, but not limited to, shrubbery, terrain features or structures, the identification numbers shall also be posted separate from the main structure (i.e. on a yard light post, entrance gate, driveway marker, mailbox, etc) in a fashion that is clearly readable from the adjacent to the driveway (s) providing ingress to the property, and shall be located on the same side of the adjacent roadway as the property it identifies.
2. The property identification number or address shall be of a size sufficiently large so that the numbers are readable from the centerline of the adjacent roadway by a person of normal vision.
3. The color of the numbers shall be in contrast with the immediate background on which they are mounted.
4. In the case of multiple units, either business or residential, it shall be clearly

indicated at each entrance the property identification number(s) of those apartments or businesses accessible through such entrance. The purpose of this identification is to facilitate the rapid movement of emergency units to a specific apartment or business unit.

5. The occupants of all buildings in the township used for commercial and/or industrial purposes that are connected with or located so close to other buildings as to prevent access between such buildings and which requires a different route of access to the rear than that to the front of the building shall cause the correct business name and street numbers to be placed on the-rear entrance door, or immediately adjacent thereto. Tile name and number shall be placed as to be plainly visible and readable from the alley, service, drive, easement, parking lot, or any other rear access.

Section 3. Existing Structures. All existing developed property shall be identified as required in REQUIREMENTS section above within sixty days after the effective date of this Ordinance or be considered in violation hereof.

Section 4. New Construction. All applicants for building permits for new construction of residence or businesses or other such structures shall be required to submit a plan showing the proposed location of their property identification number before any building permit will be issued and complainer with this Ordinance shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Section 5. Persons Responsible. The owner, occupant, lessee, or other person in control of any developed property shall each be responsible for identifying said property in compliance with this ordinance.

Section 6. Enforcement. The Bridgewater Township Board shall appoint by resolution an enforcement agent who may issue citations for the violation of this ordinance.

Section 7. Penalty: Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$100.

Section 8. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 9. Severability. Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so invalidated.

Section 10. Savings. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 11. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect 30 days after enactment thereof.

Certification of Township Clerk

I, Karen Weidmayer, Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that ..the foregoing Ordinance of the Township of Bridgewater was duly adopted by the Township Board of Bridgewater Township assembled at a regular meeting of said Board held April 20, 1993. I further certify that all Board Members adopted the ordinance. I further certify that the same was duly printed and published the week of the May 17, 1993 in newspaper circulated in the Township of Bridgewater. I further certify that I mailed a copy of the within Ordinance to the Washtenaw County Clerk, Manchester, Saline and Clinton Libraries also.

Karen Weidmayer,
Township Clerk