

Chapter 42 STREET NAME AND ADDRESSING

Section 42.1 Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to ensure a uniform system of addressing for all buildings in the Town of Lake Lure in order to facilitate provision of adequate public safety and to minimize difficulty for emergency services and the general public in locating any building in town.

Section 42.2 Definitions

- (A) The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section.
- (1) Building: A structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for the shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or equipment. When separated by divider walls from the ground up without openings, each portion of such building may be deemed a separate building. For the purpose of this chapter, the term Building may also include other man-made structures.
 - (2) Developer: Any person, firm, trust, partnership, association or cooperation engaged in the development of purposed development of a subdivision, commercial complex, mobile home park, or planned unit development.
 - (3) House/Building Number: Number assigned to any house, business, structure or other structure or property in a sequential manner.
 - (4) Mobile Home Park: Any premises where two or more mobile homes are parked for living and sleeping purposes, or any premises used or set apart for the purpose of supplying to the public parking space for two or more mobile homes for living and sleeping purposes, and which include any building, structures, vehicles or enclosures used or intended for as part of such mobile home park.
 - (5) Roadway: Any road, street, drive, land, easement, right-of-way, access area, thoroughfare, highway, boulevard, or any other corridor used for or having the potential use as a means of conveyance by a motor vehicle.
 - (6) Rutherford County E911 Department: The official department of Rutherford County charged with the administration of countywide addressing.

- (7) Street Name: The official name of any roadway, approved by the Town of Lake Lure and the Rutherford County E911 Department.
- (8) Street Sign/Signage: Signage placed at the roadway intersection, which indicates the street name, direction, and where appropriate, the state road number and block number.

Section 42.3 Street Names

- (A) Every street in the town is assigned an official name and is entered in the Rutherford County E911 Department's database by the county addressing department. New street names or requested name changes inside the Town of Lake Lure will be reviewed and approved by the town before approval by the County E911 Department. The review by town will be by a committee appointed by the town manager.
- (B) New street names shall not be the same as or sound similar to existing street names in the county. Names recommended by property owners will be given consideration first if no conflicting street names exist.
- (C) Request to change an existing street name must take the following issues into consideration.
 - (1) 75% or more of property owners on this road must sign a petition to change the road name.
 - (2) Suggested street name must not conflict with existing street names.
 - (3) Reason to change name must outweigh the fact that changing name will make all existing maps inaccurate and could severely delay emergency services locating anyone on that street.
 - (4) If name is changed, property owners must bear cost of changing street signs, including labor. The town shall notify all emergency agencies responding in Lake Lure of name change.

Section 42.4 Signage

- (A) The developers of new subdivisions shall erect signage consistent with town street signs.

- (B) Existing signs installed by the Town of Lake Lure will be maintained by the town. Signs installed in new developments by the developer will be the responsibility of the property owners association of that community. The property owners association shall replace damaged or stolen signs within 60 days of receiving written notification from the town.
- (C) Street signs and post shall be of aluminum construction to resist corrosion. Signs shall be green with white reflective letters. Letters shall be minimum of 3 5/8" tall with minimum of 1/2" stroke letters. Optional color signs may be considered by town but shall have white letters.

Section 42.5 House/Building Numbering

- (A) This chapter requires the owner of any residential, commercial, or other structure to post numbers on said structure for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Lake Lure. In the posting of numbers on structures the following standards shall be used:
 - (1) The height of the number for a one or two family dwelling shall be a minimum of 3" with a 1/2" stroke. The building number for multi-family dwellings and commercial structures shall be a minimum of 6" with 3/4" stroke. The number shall be placed facing the roadway, within three feet of the entrance, when the building is easily seen from the roadway. For buildings not visible or more than 75 feet from roadway centerline, numbers shall be posted at the roadway adjacent to the drive. Numbers shall also be posted on the structure to be visible as you travel along the driveway.
 - (2) For mobile home parks or properties having only one address and individual lots the entrance shall have 6" numbers and each lot shall have 3" numbers. The lot numbers shall be marked uniformly and easily visible from driveway.
 - (3) Numbers shall be mounted on contrasting background to be easily visible and reflective numbers are recommended.
 - (4) The town may approve an alternate method of displaying address numbers on a case by case basis when these standards cannot be reasonably met.

Section 42.6 Boat House Numbering

- (A) All boat houses shall have the address assigned to the property posted on the boat house.

- (B) Boat house addresses shall include the name of the street to which the property has access and number, due to the inability to determine the road from the lake, (for example: 123 Charlotte Drive). Approved boat house signs must be ordered through the town.
- (C) Boat house address signs will be aluminum construction with black finish, 4" high and as short as the address allows. The letters and numbers shall be a minimum of 3" tall and reflective.
- (D) The address sign shall be posted on the boat house a minimum of 6' above normal water level. For boat houses on the main channels, the sign must be on the side facing the channel. For boat houses in coves, the sign must face the main body of water in the cove.
- (E) Signs shall be in place before the annual boat permit is obtained beginning in 2004 for existing structures. For new structures the sign must be in place before final inspection by the zoning official.
- (F) The owner shall be responsible for maintaining this sign.

Section 42.7 General Requirements

- (A) It shall be unlawful without the written consent of the Town of Lake Lure for any person(s) to:
 - (1) Name or designate the name of any public road, neighborhood public road, private subdivision street or private mobile home park road in the town.
 - (2) Erect any street sign on any public road, neighborhood public road, private subdivision street or private mobile home park road in incorporated areas of Lake Lure, without approval of the Town of Lake Lure.
 - (3) Erect any street sign on any roadway, public or private, in the Town of Lake Lure, which does not meet the current town street sign specifications.
 - (4) Remove, deface, damage, or obstruct a street sign.
 - (5) Number or assign a number to any structure without the approval of the Town of Lake Lure.

- (6) Name a private street or road that duplicates or is substantially similar to the name of an existing street or road within Rutherford County.

Section 42.8 Enforcement

- (A) The Fire Inspector may withhold Certificate of Occupancy for new commercial structures until proper numbers are posted.
- (B) The County Building Inspector or Town Zoning Inspector may withhold Certificate of Occupancy for structures until proper address is posted.
- (C) Owners or occupants of buildings already constructed which do not comply with this chapter, will be notified and requested to meet the requirements within 60 days from the date of the notification. A warning notice will be issued after 60 days if the requirements have not been met. If the owner or occupant does not comply voluntarily with this chapter within 30 days of delivery of a warning notice by registered mail or by hand delivery to the building in violation, enforcement action pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 160A-175 may be initiated.

Section 42.9 Penalty

- (A) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.00 or imprisonment not more than 30 days, as provided by North Carolina General Statutes 14-4C.
- (B) Any violation of this ordinance may be subject to civil remedies as set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 160A-175.

Section 42.10 Amendment Procedure

This chapter may be amended from time to time by the Town of Lake Lure, as specified in Section 10.08.