

ORDINANCE #7

**UNIFORM RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM FOR CLARKE COUNTY**

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Iowa:

Section 1. Purpose. This ordinance mandates the use of a uniform rural address system for residents of Clarke County in order to promote the convenience, safety, and general welfare of those residents and provides for a penalty.

Section 2. Definitions. For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, or other entity.
2. "Subdivision" shall mean the division of a tract of land into separate lots or parcels for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development.
3. "Building" shall mean a roofed and or walled structure for permanent use.
4. "Base Map" shall mean the map used to establish the uniform rural address system in Clarke County. Such a map shall indicate all addresses in Clarke County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Establishment by Resolution. The Board of Supervisors shall by resolution, establish a system of uniform rural addresses for use in Clarke County, Iowa, and may by resolution from time to time alter or amend such system and provide for additions to or deletions from such system.

Section 4. Extent of System. The uniform rural address shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of Clarke County except for those areas already using the system of a nearby incorporated area. Unincorporated areas using an address system not attached to an incorporated area shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Implementation of System. The county E911 coordinator or such other person as the Board of Supervisors may direct from time to time shall:

1. Verify and maintain on a current basis an accurate base map which shall be used in the assignment of addresses.
2. Assign addresses consistent with the resolutions of the Board of Supervisors establishing a system of uniform rural addresses.
3. Distribute or otherwise make available rural reference maps to rural emergency service providers, dispatchers, all county offices, the United States Postal Services, and the general public. Maps for distribution shall be periodically updated and distributed as the E911 coordinator may determine in his/her discretion.
4. Notify rural emergency service providers, dispatchers, all county offices, and the United State Postal Service, whether in Clarke County or adjacent counties which provide services within Clarke County, of the effective date of the system, initial address assignments, and changes or additions to address assignments.
5. Notify rural landowners and/or residents affected by the system of (1) the effective date of the system, (2) the address or addresses assigned, and (3) the requirements for placement of address markers and the date by which such markers must be places.
6. Supervise in conjunction with the county engineer the initial installation and subsequent replacement of road identification markers at each road intersection in Clarke County, Iowa, which is subject to the system of uniform rural addresses.
7. Make periodic inspections to assure compliance with the uniform rural address system.
8. Undertake such other duties as the Board of Supervisors shall from time to time assign.

Section 6. Structure Numbers Replaces. Any structure number, whether existing at the effective date of this ordinance or coming into existence after the effective date of this ordinance which is inconsistent with the ordinance or any resolution adopted pursuant to this ordinance, shall be removed and replaced with the number assigned pursuant to this ordinance and implementing resolutions.

Section 7. Address Markers. Every structure shall have an address marker constructed and placed in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance and any resolutions adopted to this ordinance.

Section 8. Subdivision. All subdivision addressing systems must conform to the county's uniform address system and be approved by the E911 coordinator.

Section 9. New Structures. Every person erecting a building as set forth in section 7 of this ordinance shall within 7 days of commencement of construction, notify the E911 coordinator who shall within 14 days assign a number to such structure. The provisions of section 5 and section 7 shall be applicable to any subject to the provisions of this section.

Section 10. Special Account – Use of Account. All fines and other monies available or paid to the county under provisions of this ordinance shall be placed in a special account designated as the uniform rural address system account under the control of the E911 coordinator. This account is to be used for the maintenance of the System in Clarke County.

Section 11. Penalty. Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

It shall be unlawful for any person without lawful authority, to take, alter, deface, destroy, or possess any street identification sign.

Section 12. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 13. Severability Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional; such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 14. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Clarke County Board of Supervisors this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1995.

Attest: Anita Chandler  
Clarke County Auditor

Chairman: Dennis Chaney  
Board of Supervisors