

ORDINANCE NO. 5

Uniform Rural Address System Ordinance of O'Brien County, Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of O'Brien County, Iowa:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

This ordinance mandates the use of a uniform rural address system for residents of O'Brien County in order to promote the safety and general welfare of those residents, and provide 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 built for permanent use.
4. "Base Map" shall mean the map used by the agency coordinating the uniform rural address system in O'Brien County. Such a map shall indicate all addresses in O'Brien County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
5. "Engineer" shall mean the O'Brien County Engineer.

SECTION 3: ESTABLISHMENT BY RESOLUTION

The Board shall, by Resolution, establish the type of uniform rural address system to be used in O'Brien County.

SECTION 4: EXTENT OF SYSTEM

The uniform rural address system shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of O'Brien 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. Any incorporated area, upon presentation of a written request from the governing body of such city to the Board, may also be included in the uniform rural address system.

SECTION 5: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM

The Board shall direct the County Engineer to:

1. Verify the accuracy of the base map that shall be used in the assignment of addresses.
2. Make all necessary corrections and updates to that map.
3. Assign addresses in accordance with the system selected by the Board.
4. Purchase sign assembly materials which meet Iowa Department of Transportation specifications.
5. Develop, print, and distribute rural reference maps [Street and Avenue system only] for rural emergency providers, dispatchers, all county offices, emergency vehicles, the U.S. Post Office, and every rural residence, and the general public.
6. Notify post offices, rural emergency providers, dispatchers, emergency vehicles, all county offices, and all providers and offices located in adjacent counties whereby such districts overlap into O'Brien County of the effective date of the system and the address assignments.
7. Send notification to all residents affected by this system. Such notification shall state:
 - a. the date the system will take effect.
 - b. the date the post office and county departments will start using the system.
 - c. the date the markers shall be in place.
 - d. where the markers shall be placed.
 - e. where replacement address markers can be obtained.
 - f. an explanation of the system and how to use it.
8. Place the markers in the County.

SECTION 6: ROAD MARKERS

The County Engineer shall supervise the installation of road identification markers at each road intersection in O'Brien County whereby the provisions of this ordinance apply. Such markers shall be in place on or before the date the system takes effect.

SECTION 7: HOUSE NUMBERS

O'Brien County shall install for every person owning, controlling, occupying, or using any house, store, storeroom, or building situated on the premises fronting any public way, as provided in Section 4, a permanent marker on such premises indicating the assigned number. Any house number existing at the time the provisions of this ordinance take effect and that is different than the newly assigned number, shall be removed at the time the new number is installed.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to accessory buildings, but may apply to such buildings located on a separate unit of frontage if requested by the owner or proprietor.

SECTION 8: NEW STRUCTURES

Every person erecting a building as set forth under the provisions of Section 7 of this ordinance, but after the date the uniform rural address system becomes effective, shall, within seven (7) days of commencement of construction, notify the County Engineer who shall within fourteen (14) days, assign a number to such structure. The provisions of Section 5 and Section 7 shall be applicable to any person subject to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 9: MAINTENANCE OF UNIFORM RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM

The Engineer shall be responsible for the continued maintenance of the uniform rural address system in O'Brien County. These duties shall include:

1. Assignment of all new addresses.
2. Provide markers for new addresses.
3. Install replacement markers.
4. Replace street markers as needed [Street and Avenue system only]
5. Update maps and issue new maps on an annual basis to the agencies and persons provided for in Section 5, Subsection 5, making periodic checks of the rural areas of O'Brien County to insure that the provisions of this ordinance are being complied with.
6. Other duties necessary to insure the continued maintenance of the uniform rural address system of O'Brien County.

A fee for said replacement markers, covering the cost of said markers, shall be paid to O'Brien County by persons needing replacement markers.

SECTION 10: PENALTY

Refusal to use the uniform rural address system, or the removal, damaging, defacing, alteration, or destruction of the uniform rural address marker which indicates a premises assigned number, or the removal, damaging, alteration, or destruction of a rural address system marker intentionally by one who has no right to so act, may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each violation; or, by imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. In addition, any violation of this section shall be a County infraction which is punishable by a civil penalty or not more than \$100.00 for each violation; or, if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not exceeding \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

SECTION 11: REPEALER

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

SECTION 12: 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 13: WHEN EFFECTIVE

This ordinance shall be in effect after it's final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

May 6, 1991

Motion by Supervisor Riessen and seconded by Supervisor Moermond: To approve the final reading of O'Brien County Home Rule Ordinance Number 5, entitled the "Uniform Rural Address System Ordinance of O'Brien County, Iowa. "Said hearing being continued from the third public hearing held on May 6, 1991. A copy of said ordinance, as attached herewith, being a part of the resolution.

O'BRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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