

ORDINANCE No. 45

An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Hanson County 911 and Rural Addressing Ordinance

1. **Applicability.** This ordinance applies to the process of naming all roads and to the process of assigning rural address numbers in all areas outside the corporate limits of any municipality in Hanson County, South Dakota.
2. **Naming Roads.** The Zoning Administrator will assign a name to all roads in Hanson County and will assign rural addresses in Hanson County.
3. **Intersection Signs.** The County Highway Department shall install signs at all road intersections on all county roads. (Townships are responsible for installing signs on all road intersections not involving a county road).
4. **Building addresses.** Addresses for buildings along public and private roads will be issued by the Hanson County Zoning Administrator in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03, as the same may be from time to time amended, except when it is deemed appropriate to utilize a municipality's addressing system in areas adjacent to the corporate limits.
5. **Numbers to be Displayed.** [a] Every person with a home or business establishment in the unincorporated area of the county is required to display an address sign at the intersection of the driveway and roadway when geographical features allow.  
[b] The address number will be assigned by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.  
[c] Groups of homes serviced by one driveway/access way shall have an address sign posted at the point where the primary access to those home intersects with the main road.  
[d] Every person shall display their address sign within sixty (60) days after receipt of notification by building permit. For new construction, the building number shall be displayed prior to occupancy of the building.
6. **Specifications and Location of Rural Address Signs.** An address sign and delineator post shall be located within thirty (30) feet of the driveway and within 1 ½ feet of the right-of-way line or fence. with the right hand side, as determined when

entering the property, is preferred, as shown in Exhibit B. The location shall be free of sight obstructions. A green reflective sign as designated by Hanson County shall be attached to the delineator post at least 4 feet above grade. Signage locations will be checked and inspected by the 911 Administrator.

7. **Purchase of Address Signs.** Upon issuance of a new address for a structure or otherwise, the landowner shall purchase from Hanson County a rural address sign and delineator post meeting all specifications. The landowner is responsible for installation of the rural address sign and delineator post upon issuance of a building permit. It shall be the landowner's responsibility to call S.D. One Call or appropriate utility locate company for utility locations if needed.

If the sign is damaged or moved for any reason, the property owner is responsible for replacing the sign in a reasonable and timely fashion.

8. **Penalty for Violation.** Violations of this ordinance are punishable to the extent provided for in Hanson County ordinance # 44, and any ordinance amending it.

9. **Repealer.** All ordinances, or portions of Ordinances, which conflict with the provisions are repealed. (Specifically includes, but it not limited to, Ordinances No. 11 and 27).

10. **Severability Provision.** Any section, portion, or part of this Ordinance determined by any Court to be invalid will be considered removed there from and the balance of the Ordinance will remain in effect if it can be done, to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

Justification for Ordinance:

[a] This provision will make it easier for the landowners to have the signage situated in a location that is best suited to their individual purposes and uses.

[b] There will be one less party for the landowner to coordinate with when working with local departments and organizations for the placement of this signage.

[c] Highway department's resources will be better utilized if they are not obligated to set and place these signs.

Adopted on March 3, 2020.

Hanson County Board of  
Commissioners

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Graves, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lesa Trabing, Auditor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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