

**SUNRISE TOWNSHIP  
CHISAGO COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01**

**911 ADDRESS MARKER ORDINANCE**

The Town Board of Sunrise Township, Chisago County, Minnesota hereby ordains:

**Section 1. PURPOSE.** This Ordinance mandates the use of a uniform address system to promote the health, safety, welfare and convenience of residents throughout the Township, and provides for specific fees and penalties in the administration of the Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to enable the orderly development, installation and operation of a Township wide 911 emergency communications addressing system that fosters the rapid and effective response of law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical service personnel in meeting the emergency needs of Township residents.

**Section 2. REQUIRED POSTING.** Every person or entity owning, controlling, occupying or operating any dwelling, business, industrial, or special site within the Township and/or may have a potential need for emergency services, that is assigned a 911 number by Chisago County shall have a 911 residential address marker installed at the entrance of such property. The 911 address marker shall be placed in the road right-of-way on the same side of the road as the vehicular access to the principal building. For uniformity, all 911 address markers shall be fabricated and installed consistent with the specifications as established by the Town Board. Placement of markers at shared access points shall be at the discretion of the installer to ensure visibility for emergency vehicle access. Upon the request of a landowner or proprietor, a 911 address marker may be placed to identify the location of an accessory building on the landowner's property upon approval of the Town Board.

**Section 3. INSTALLATION AND COST OF 911 ADDRESS MARKERS.**

- a. All 911 address markers shall be provided and installed by the Town Board, or its designee. The cost for a 911 address marker and its installation shall be paid by the owner of the property within thirty days of being invoiced by the Township. The Town Board shall set fees for 911 address markers, their installation, and other related costs. In addition, the Town Board shall have the authority to revise or re-determine (including rate increases) fees whenever the Town Board deems necessary.

- b. The property owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of the area around the 911 address marker, including removal of vegetation and snow that may obstruct visibility of the 911 address marker from the traveled surface of the roadway. The property owner shall pay all costs incurred for the maintenance and replacement of damaged, destroyed or removed 911 address markers as determined by the Town Board pursuant to this Section.

**Section 4. PENALTIES.**

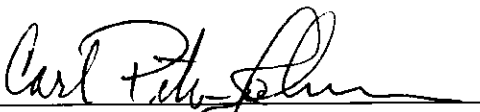
- a. It is unlawful for any person or corporation to intentionally refuse to have placed or replaced a 911 address marker or to intentionally remove, cover, damage, deface, alter or destroy a 911 address marker.
- b. Any person or corporation who is found in violation of this Ordinance, or who has not paid for the installation of a 911 address marker within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of billing, or who purposely destroys, defaces or covers a marker or street sign, shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor as defined by Minnesota Statute § 609.02, Subd. 4A as from time to time amended and shall be fined in the amount of \$50 plus the cost of prosecution and the replacement, repair, installation and marker costs. Each day a violation shall occur shall constitute a separate violation.
- c. Further, in the event of a violation of this Ordinance, the Town Board may institute appropriate actions or proceedings, including requesting injunctive relief to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such violations. Should the Township determine to correct or abate such violations, the property owner shall be invoiced for the Township's costs which shall be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice, should the applicant or property owner not reimburse the Township within said time, the Township shall be authorized to certify said unreimbursed costs to the Chisago County Auditor for payment with the owner's property taxes pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 366.012; Minn. Stat. Chap. 429 or other relevant statutes.

**Section 5. SEVERABILITY.** If a court of proper jurisdiction shall find any portion of this Ordinance unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, all remaining provisions shall remain in effect and shall not be affected by the ruling on the invalid section.

**Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in summary format according to law.

**Section 7. REPEALER.** All ordinances, or portions of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

The Sunrise Township Board of Supervisors adopts this Ordinance this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
Carl Peter Johnson, Chairperson

Attested to by:

  
Wendy Kowalke, Town Clerk