

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR GREENWOOD COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-91

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDRESSING OF PROPERTIES  
IN GREENWOOD COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the Greenwood County Council finds that the assignment of addresses to properties in Greenwood County is necessary and essential to successful implementation of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Greenwood County Council as follows:

**SECTION 1 - General Provisions**

**A) Authority**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to authority conferred by Section 4-9-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to promote the public health, safety, morals convenience, order, prosperity and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Greenwood County, South Carolina.

**B) Title**

This ordinance may be cited as the Addressing Ordinance for Greenwood County, South Carolina.

**C) Jurisdiction**

The regulations set forth herein shall apply only to those properties, buildings, streets, and public or private roads which are located within the unincorporated area of Greenwood County, South Carolina.

**D) Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide unique road names and unique addresses for all properties, principal buildings, and streets in the unincorporated portions of Greenwood County. This is essential to the successful implementation of the enhanced 911 emergency response program and is, therefore, essential to the efficient and effective provision of such services as police, fire and emergency medical services.

*Filed 3-28-91  
Past Manager  
CCCP*

#### **E) Interpretation**

The standards and provisions of this ordinance shall be interpreted as being the minimum requirements necessary to uphold the purpose of this ordinance. Whenever this ordinance imposes a higher standard than required by other ordinances, the provisions of this ordinance shall govern. When the provisions of any other statute impose higher standards, the provisions of such statute shall govern.

#### **F) Severability and Validity**

Should any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part of provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

#### **G) Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

#### **H) Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon adoption on third reading.

### **SECTION II - Provision of Addresses**

#### **A) Establishment of a Uniform Addressing System**

The Department of Public Service and Planning shall develop and maintain a uniform system for naming and numbering all unincorporated portions of Greenwood County. This system shall conform to the standards provided in the "Guidelines for Addressing in Greenwood County". These guidelines, which may be changed from time to time, shall be used in designating addresses for properties as required by this ordinance. Further, all addresses not presently in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance shall be changed to conform to this system.

#### **B) Street Names**

All new and existing private or public streets shall be named in accordance with the above referenced guidelines. For the purposes of this ordinance, a street shall be considered to be a right-of-way, easement or drive providing principal access to two or more dwellings, or principal buildings.

### **C) Duplication of Street Names**

New street names shall not be allowed if they duplicate existing street names in the same community area. A duplication is considered to be either an exact, similarly spelled or phonetically similar name.

Where existing name duplications exist within a community area, all but one street will be renamed so as to eliminate the name duplication. In no case shall the new name duplicate other street names. The procedure for changing a street name shall be established in the "Guidelines for Addressing in Greenwood County".

### **D) Street Name Signs**

A street name shall be ordered and erected by the Department of Public Works as soon as formal notification of name adoption is received. Unauthorized removal of a street name sign shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

### **E) Addresses**

An address shall be designated for all dwellings and principal buildings within the unincorporated portions of Greenwood County. All named streets shall be assigned addresses accordingly.

All addresses shall be derived in compliance with the system established by the "Guidelines for Addressing in Greenwood County".

## **SECTION III - Posting of Address Numbers**

### **A) Number Placement**

When each dwelling or building has been assigned its respective number or numbers the owner, occupant or agent shall be required to display the assigned number or numbers in accordance with the following provisions. The cost of the numbers will be paid for by the property owner.

### **B) Size and Composition of the Numbers**

Numbers shall not be less than three (3) inches in height, and shall be made of a durable and clearly visible material which is in a contrasting color to the building.

### **C) Number Location**

The numbers will be conspicuously placed immediately above, on or at the side of the proper door of each building so that the number can be seen plainly from the street line. Whenever the building is more than 50 feet from the street line, or when the numbers at the door are not clearly visible from the street line, the number must be placed near the walk, driveway, or common entrance to the building, and upon a mailbox, gate post, fence, or other appropriate place so as to be easily read from the street line.

## **SECTION IV - Administration**

### **A) Assignment of Addresses to New Principal Buildings**

After the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or owners of dwelling or principal building to obtain and properly display the correct address as assigned by the Department of Public Service and Planning prior to erection or location of the structure in Greenwood County. No building permit will be issued for any dwelling or principal building until the owner has obtained the official address from the Department of Public Services and Planning.

### **D) Posting of Addresses at Existing Collective Developments**

No certificate of occupancy will be given for any structure erected, altered, repaired, or modified after the effective date of this ordinance unless permanent and proper numbers have been affixed to the structure.

### **C) Posting of Addresses on Existing Principal Buildings**

It shall be the responsibility of all property owners to properly post all addresses as assigned by the Department of Public Service and Planning within six (6) months of the ordinance's effective date.

### **C) Posting of Addresses at Existing Collective Developments**

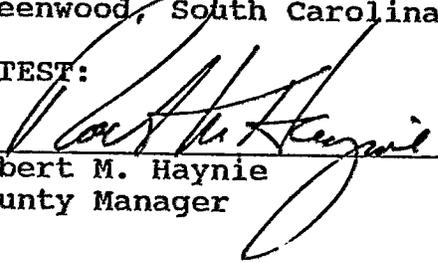
The owner, owners, or owner's designee shall post the assigned address for any mobile home park, apartment complex, office park, industrial development or condominium project as outlined by this ordinance within six (6) months of the ordinance's effective date.

SECTION V - Penalties

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

DONE AND PASSED this 5th day of March, 1991 at Greenwood, South Carolina

ATTEST:

  
Robert M. Haynie  
County Manager

GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL  
  
Patrick J. Brennan, Chairman