

**TOWNSHIP OF BUSHKILL
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2010- 1

AN ORDINANCE

**PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF BUILDING NUMBERS,
REFLECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIGNS, SPECIFICATIONS
THEREOF, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.**

WHEREAS, Bushkill Township, under the authority of Article XV, Section 1520, of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, as amended, 53 P.S. 66520, is empowered to require and regulate by Ordinance the numbering of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Bushkill Township, in order to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bushkill Township, has recognized the need for emergency services personnel and others to quickly locate structures and buildings within Bushkill Township; and

WHEREAS, Bushkill Township has determined that a uniform system of house and building numbering is necessary to preserve the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Bushkill Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, Bushkill Township, under, and by virtue of, and pursuant to the authority granted it by the Second Class Township Code, does hereby enact and ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

It is and it shall be the duty of each and every owner, trustee, lessee, agent, occupant, and possessor of each and every house, building, or other structure located in Bushkill Township, whether on a public or private street or road, to cause the same to be numbered with its official building number assigned by

Bushkill Township. The number shall be permanently posted as set forth herein. All persons required to number existing houses, building, or other structures shall contact Bushkill Township and secure an assigned building number.

SECTION 2. REFLECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIGN REQUIRED

Every property within the Township of Bushkill, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, that has a residential dwelling unit, or other structure used or occupied by any person either on a part time or full time basis located thereon, shall place a reflective emergency response number sign in a conspicuous place on said property. The number of any given property is available to the occupant or property owner upon request to the Township Secretary. The size and material specifications of each sign and placement on the property shall conform to the following requirements:

A. All residential structures shall have signs with 4" high white reflective numbers with a green reflective background, visible both during the day and at night, placed on a 6" x 18" rectangular sign, which is to be displayed either vertically or horizontally. The sign shall be placed on the same side of the public street or state highway as the dwelling unit located thereon, and at a location where the driveway to the residence or structure meets the public road at a distance no greater than six (6') feet from the berm of the public road.

B. All non-residential structures containing single or multiple retail, commercial or other units, shall have signs stenciled or otherwise attached to each entrance door of each such unit, which signs shall consist of 4" high white reflective numbers with a green reflective background, visible both during the day and at night, placed (or stenciled) on a 6" x 18" rectangular sign, which is to be displayed either vertically or horizontally.

C. Compliance Deadline. All existing residential and non-residential structures must comply with this Ordinance by the first day of August, 2010. All newly constructed residential and non-residential structures not yet occupied as of the effective date of this Ordinance, will not be eligible for receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy until compliance with this Ordinance has occurred.

D. Waiver. The provisions of this Ordinance regarding size and material specifications of each sign and placement on the property may be waived and modified, upon cause shown, by the joint written consent of the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company President and Bushkill Township Police Department Police Chief. Any waiver and/or modification of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be executed by the Fire Company President and Police Chief and filed in the Office of the Bushkill Township Zoning Officer. With notice to the Board of Supervisors, the Police Chief and Fire Company President may designate this responsibility for granting waivers and/or modifications to a member of their respective departments.

SECTION 3.

Any persons, firm or corporation who shall number or attempt to number any house, building, or structure contrary to this Ordinance and the plan hereby approved and adopted or who shall, within thirty (30) days of notification by the Bushkill Township Zoning Officer, fail or neglect to number their house, building, or structure in accordance herewith, or who shall fail to change the number thereof or fail to remove the old number in cases of a number change, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and any person or persons who shall alter, deface, remove, or destroy any number required to be displayed by this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more

than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, the costs of prosecution, and reasonable attorney's fees, and, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. Each day's violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4.

In the event that any provision, section, sentence or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, as the provisions are severable and would have been enacted had not such invalid provisions been included herein.

SECTION 5.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED This 4th day of February, 2010, by the Board of Supervisors of Bushkill Township.

TOWNSHIP OF BUSHKILL

BY: 
BRIAN KOCHER, Chairman

ATTEST:


BRIAN HARRIS, Secretary

SIGN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Signs shall be installed in accordance with Section 2A and 2B of Ordinance 2010-1. A copy of the ordinance is attached for reference.
- The 6" by 18" rectangular sign with 4" white reflective numbers must be provided by either Bushkill Township or the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, so that all signs throughout the Township are the same. This uniformity may be critical to the emergency management personnel when responding to a call.
- The signs shall be placed on the same side of the road as the dwelling unit at the intersection of the driveway and the public/private road and at a location no more than 6' feet from the public/private road berm (defined as either the outer edge of pavement or the outer edge of the road shoulder, whichever is further from the road centerline).
- The signs can be installed vertically or horizontally, but must be clearly visible from both directions of travel along the road. Both sides of the sign shall have 4" white reflective numbers.
- Signs must be located a minimum of 18" off of the ground whether installed vertically or horizontally. This is primarily due to allow for snowfall and plowing, so that the entire sign will be visible under normal conditions.
- When a driveway has multiple dwelling units, signs must be installed at the location where the driveway intersects the public road and also at the dwelling units.
- Where a private lane (which should be named and have a street sign) has multiple dwelling units, signs must only be placed at the dwelling units.
- When a property has multiple dwellings units, one house numbering sign is required and it is the owner's responsibility to delineate each unit.
- Any questions regarding sign installation can be directed to 610-759-1250.