

ORDINANCE # 1-92  
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA, BY ADDING THERETO A PROVISION FOR NUMBERING BUILDINGS, REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF ASSIGNED STREET NUMBERS AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira find that the display of assigned street numbers is necessary to provide quick responses to emergency situations and that the requirement of posting assigned street numbers would promote the public safety and general welfare while posing no undue burden on individual property owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the authority of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, as follows:

That the Code of the City of Hahira, Georgia, be amended thereto by adding the following to be known as "Street Numbering Ordinance of Hahira, Georgia."

SECTION I. STREET NUMBERS

1. Designation of Street Numbers

Each property in the City of Hahira shall be assigned an official property number designating that particular property location upon that particular street. The number shall be assigned by the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission in accordance with its administrative procedures and in accordance with the official property numbering map of the City of Hahira, dated March 5, 1992, and entitled "City of Hahira Property Numbering Map."

The Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission shall keep a record of all numbers assigned under this ordinance.

2. Display of Street Numbers Required

Every house, mobile home, apartment, business or other building having a street number assigned to it under the system of numbering in the City of Hahira shall display such number in a readily visible manner and in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

3. Posting of Designated Street Numbers Address

(a) The owner or agent of any house or building to which a number has been assigned will be notified in writing by the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission of the number assigned to the same at any time after the adoption of this Ordinance.

(b) Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such written notification from the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission, the owner or agent of a house or building to which the number has been assigned shall affix the number in a conspicuous manner in a conspicuous place.

(c) It shall be the duty of such owner or agent upon affixing the new number to remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission.

(d) Assigned street numbers may be affixed to the house, apartment, business or other building itself, provided that such house, apartment, business or other building is not more than fifty (50) feet from the curblin, pavement edge, or edge of travelway of the street in front of the house, apartment, business or other building, and the number is readily visible from the street by persons traveling along the street in each direction. Street numbers may also be placed on mailboxes or signs located on the premises in front of the house,

apartment, business or other building provided such signs are of a durable type, and are located not more than fifty (50) feet from the curblines, pavement edge, or edge of travelway of the street in front of the property, and provided that the numbers on such sign shall be readily visible from the street by persons traveling along such street in each direction.

(e) If the house, apartment, business or other building to be numbered is more than fifty (50) feet from the curb, pavement edge, or edge of travelway of the street in front of the property, or if for any reason a street number affixed to the building would not be readily visible from the street by persons traveling along the street in each direction, the street number shall not be displayed on the building, but must be displayed on a sign or mailbox complying with the requirements of this section.

(f) Street numbers affixed to buildings or signs shall be a minimum of four (4) inches in height. Those affixed to mailboxes in the manner specified in this article shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in height. All such signs shall be of a color contrasting to the background so as to be clearly visible. Reflective numbers are recommended. Street numbers and signs to which they are affixed shall be maintained at all times in good condition.

#### 4. New Structures

(a) Numbers will be assigned to each proposed lot or tract on the surveyor's copies of final subdivision plats by the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission.

(b) No building permit shall be issued for any principal building until the owner or developer has procured from the Building Inspector for the City the official number of the premises. Final approval for a certificate of occupancy of any principal building erected or repaired after the effective date of this ordinance shall be withheld until permanent and proper numbers have been displayed in accordance with the requirements of Section 2 above.

## SECTION II. DUTY OF OWNERS; VIOLATIONS

The obligation of complying with the provisions of this section shall be upon the owner of the property. The property owner shall have sixty (60) days from the date of adoption of this ordinance to comply with the provisions herein. If any of the provisions of this section shall be found to have been violated, notice shall be given to the owner of the property, or his agent, specifying the manner in which the section is being violated, and giving the owner ten (10) days to bring the property into compliance. Each day a violation of this section continues after the expiration of said ten (10) day period shall constitute a separate offense, and shall be punishable as provided by law.

## SECTION III. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT

The responsibility for making the inspections provided for in this section, and for the enforcement of the provisions thereof, shall rest upon the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Telecommunications, and the agents and employees of such department are hereby authorized and empowered to make cases and issue summonses for violations. However, all public safety agencies providing services in Hahira are authorized to identify property owners in violation of this section and to forward notification of said violations to the E-911 department for appropriate action.

## SECTION IV. REPEALER CLAUSE

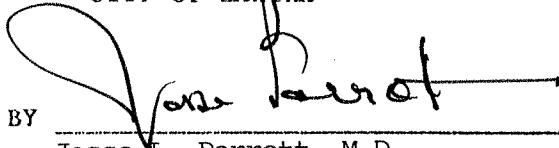
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are expressly repealed.

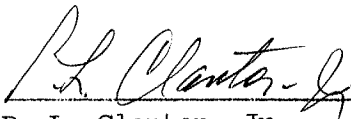
SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective and be in force upon the date of adoption of this Ordinance by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia, provided that existing houses and buildings shall be permitted a period of not more than three (3) months after the date of adoption to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia, on the 5th day of March, 19 92.

CITY OF HAHIRA

BY   
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Jesse L. Parrott, M.D.  
MAYOR

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P. L. Clanton, Jr.  
Clerk of the Council