

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
**ORDINANCE #187-2020-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONTROL, AND REGULATION OF ADDRESS NUMBERING DISPLAY WITHIN HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, The Hartsville/Trousdale County Codes and Zoning Enforcement Committee has met and considered regulating the display of postal address numbers within the jurisdiction of Hartsville/Trousdale County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has recommended the adoption of an ordinance to provide for the establishment, control and regulation of postal address display within Hartsville/Trousdale County, to provide for penalties for violation of the Ordinance and to repeal any Metropolitan ordinance or parts of Metropolitan ordinances in direct conflict herewith.; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartsville/ Trousdale County Commission has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Trousdale County would be better served by the establishment of a uniform county-wide house number display system. Such system will enable police agencies, ambulance services, fire services, public utilities, postal service, county officials, and other necessary services to more rapidly identify and locate properties within Trousdale County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission and County Attorney have reviewed the attached policy and recommend the adoption of the policy attached herewith.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission that existing Title 13 of the Hartsville Municipal Code be amended by the addition of the attached policy as a new Chapter 4 herewith entitled "Display of Postal Address."

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission that this Ordinance shall take effect 180 days following publication, as required by law, on September 1, 2020.

*Sponsored by Commissioner Ken Buckmaster*

*Recommended by Codes and Zoning Enforcement Committee January 2, 2020*

*Recommended by Emergency Communications District Board January 14, 2020*

*Recommended by Emergency Services Committee January 14, 2020*

	1M <u>Gary Walsh</u>	Roll Call Vote	
First Reading:	<u>January 27, 2020</u>	2m <u>Amber Russell</u>	YES <u>14</u> NO <u>6</u> ABS <u>0</u>
			<b>PASSED</b>

	1M <u>Amber Russell</u>	Roll Call Vote	
Second Reading:	<u>February 24, 2020</u>	2m <u>Gary Walsh</u>	YES <u>15</u> NO <u>5</u> ABS <u>0</u>
			<b>PASSED</b>

**APPROVED AND ENACTED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**Approved:**

  
Dwight Jewell, Commission Chairman

**Attest:**

  
Rita Crowder, County Clerk

**TITLE 13**

**CHAPTER 4**

**DISPLAY OF POSTAL ADDRESS**

**SECTION**

- 13-401. Definitions
- 13-402. Regulation
- 13-403. Violation
- 13-404. Saving Clause
- 13-405. Penalties
- 13-406. Jurisdiction

**13-401- Definitions**

- A. The term "premises" shall mean any location improved with structure identified by building codes as capable of being usually occupied by persons, whether occupied or unoccupied, owned by any person, firm or corporation, public or private.
- B. The term "address number" shall mean the official number assigned that premises by duly authorized and appointed person(s) and recognized by the Trousdale County 911 governing board.
- C. The term "street or road" name shall refer to any official name as recognized by governmental agencies, whether public or private.

**13-402. Regulation**

- A. No street or road name, public or private shall be modified or added without the approval of the Trousdale County 911 governing board with affirmation of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission and when applicable, adoption by the Trousdale County Road Commission.
- B. Every premises shall display the distinctive address number assigned to that premises by duly authorized and appointed person(s) and recognized by the Trousdale County 911 governing board. The individual digits shall be no less than four (4) inches in height (three (3) inches if of a reflective material) in block style letters and shall be in a contrasting color to the background. The house number shall be displayed, at a minimum, in one of the following fashions:
  - 1) If the number is displayed on a mailbox, the mailbox must be located at the entrance to the property adjacent to the street or road on which the property fronts. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible to all persons coming to the premises from either direction at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured.
  - 2) If a mailbox is not located at the property entrance the address number shall be displayed on a pole, post or similar device and must be located at the entrance to the property adjacent to the street or road on which the property

fronts. The number shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible to all persons coming to the premises from either direction at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured.

- 3) If two (2) or more houses share a driveway, right of way, easement etc. each house number shall be displayed on a sign at the driveway, right of way, easement etc. adjacent to the street or road on which the property fronts. Such sign shall be attached to a pole, post or similar device at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured as well as each house shall have the number displayed on the house, the number shall be placed upon the front of the house in such a position as to be plainly visible and reasonable to discern for all persons.

### **13-403. Violation**

Failure to display or maintain such display of an address number within (180) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, or in the case of new construction, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall be subject to penalties hereinafter provided.

### **13-404. Saving Clause**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

### **13-405. Penalties**

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil offense subject to a fine or fee of not more than fifty dollars (\$50), as determined by the Court of General Sessions or in the case of new construction such fee shall be at the discretion of the building and zoning inspector, as directed by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission.

Each and every day during which such violation continues shall be considered as a separate and distinct violation hereof and may be charged as such. The above specified penalties may be imposed for each such violation.

### **13-406. Jurisdiction**

This Address Display Policy shall be applicable to the jurisdiction of Hartsville/Trousdale County.