

Chapter 241

NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Black Creek 5-12-2008 (Title 10, Ch. 1, § 10-1-14, of the 1987 Village Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 241-1. Findings.

The Black Creek Village Board has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Black Creek would be better served by the establishment of a uniform Village-wide house number display system. This system will enable police agencies, ambulance services, fire services, public utilities, the postal service, Village officials and other necessary services to more rapidly identify and locate properties within the Village of Black Creek.

§ 241-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a system within the Village of Black Creek whereby the addresses of all premises will be identified and to provide rules and guidelines to facilitate the enforcement thereof.

§ 241-3. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

HOUSE NUMBER — The official number assigned that premises by the Village of Black Creek and recognized by the Outagamie County 911 Public Safety Communications Center.

PREMISES — Any lot or parcel of land owned by any person, firm or corporation, public or private, improved with building, whether occupied or unoccupied.

STREET OR ROAD NAME — Any official name as recognized by governmental agencies.

§ 241-4. Regulation and compliance.

- A. No street or road name shall be changed without the approval of the Black Creek Village Board and the Outagamie County 911 Public Safety Communications Center.

- B. Every premises shall display the house number assigned to that premises by the Village of Black Creek and recognized by the Outagamie County 911 Public Safety Communications Center. The individual digits shall be no less than three inches in height but are preferred to be at least four inches in height, shall be in block-style letters/numbers and shall be in a contrasting color to the background. The house number shall be displayed in one of the following fashions:
- (1) If the number is displayed on a house or other building, the number shall be placed on the front of the structure in such a position as to be plainly visible to all traffic coming to the premises from either direction.
 - (2) If a house or other building is more than 50 feet from the improved portion of the street or road or is not clearly visible from the street or road, the number shall be displayed on a sign adjacent to the street or road on which the property fronts. Such sign shall be attached to a fence or post at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured by winter snows or snowplowing.
 - (3) All house numbers must be visible and easily read from the sidewalk, roadway and curb area.
- C. All structures for which numbers are required shall display numbers promptly upon notification of the correct address from the Village of Black Creek. New structures shall display such numbers prior to occupancy if the structure is residential or immediately upon use of the building if the structure is commercial or industrial.

§ 241-5. Violation.

Failure to display a house number within 90 days of the adoption of this chapter or, in the case of new construction, prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall be considered a violation of this chapter and shall be subject to penalties hereinafter provided.

§ 241-6. Penalties.

- A. If any person, firm or corporation is found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter, the Black Creek Police Department will issue a written warning ordering the property owner to comply within 30 days from receipt of the letter. If the violation continues past the date stipulated in the written warning, the property owner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine as provided in § 1-4, General penalty, of Chapter 1, General Provisions. Such fine shall be at the discretion of the court. **[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]**
- B. Each and every day during which such violation continues shall be considered a separate and distinct violation hereof and may be charged and prosecuted as such. The above-specified penalty may be imposed for each such violation.

§ 241-7. Effective date.

This chapter shall take effect 11 days after adoption, as required by law, on May 23, 2008.