SANTA FE COUNTY

Ordinance No. 1990-05

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MILE MARKER SYSTEM OF RURAL ADDRESSING, REQUIRING THE OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF EVERY HOUSE AND BUILDING IN THE AREA COVERED BY RURAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM TO DISPLAY THE HOUSE NUMBER ASSIGNED AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, COUNTIES ARE GRANTED THE POWER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF THE COUNTY OR ITS INHABITANTS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY MAKE AND PUBLISH ANY ORDINANCE TO DISCHARGE THESE POWERS CONSISTENT WITH STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS PLACED ON COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS DETERMINED THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND RESPONSIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS OF SANTA FE COUNTY; TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND SO THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE SERVICES, IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A UNIFORM METHOD OF DESIGNATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN SANTA FE COUNTY.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT AN ADDRESSING SYSTEM AS
FOLLOWS:

1. ADDRESSING: THE "MILE MARKER SYSTEM" OF RURAL ADDRESSING
SHALL BE THE APPROVED METHOD OF ADDRESSING IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA FE COUNTY.

ADDRESSING METHOD: ALL LOTS, OCCUPIED BUILDINGS AND
HOUSES SHALL BE NUMBERED ACCORDING TO THEIR DISTANCE
FROM THE STARTING POINT OF THE ROAD UPON WHICH SUCH LOT,
BUILDING, OR HOUSE FRONTS OR IS PROVIDED ACCESS.

STARTING POINT: STATE HIGHWAYS SHALL BE ADDRESSED
ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING MILE MARKERS.
ALL OTHER ROADS WHICH PROVIDE ACCESS TO MORE THAN THREE
RESIDENCES, LOTS, OR OCCUPIED BUILDINGS SHALL BE
CONSIDERED TO BEGIN AT THE POINT WHERE THEY BRANCH FROM
ANOTHER ROAD. IF ANY ROAD HAS BOTH ENDS ACCESSED FROM
THE SAME ROAD, THE STARTING POINT SHALL BE AT THE LOWER
NUMBERED END OF THE ACCESS ROAD.

2. ROAD NAMES: ALL ROADS SHALL BE NAMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE GENERAL NAME CATEGORY ASSIGNED TO THAT AREA, OR AS
APPROVED BY THE COUNTY OR ITS DESIGNEE.
THIS RULE SHALL APPLY TO ALL ROADS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SANTA FE COUNTY. ROAD NAMES SHALL BE 17 CHARACTERS OR LESS, INCLUDING SPACES.

NAME CHANGES: THE COUNTY, OR ITS DESIGNEE MAY CHANGE EXISTING ROAD NAMES AS REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE MAY BE MADE BY RESIDENTS OF A NAMED ROAD ACCORDING TO THE "RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ROAD NAME CHANGES" APPENDED HERETO.

3. STREET SIGNS SHALL CONFORM TO APPROVED COUNTY STANDARDS FOR COLOR, OVERALL SIZE, LETTERING SIZE, AND HEIGHT.

STREET SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEVELOPMENTS AND SUBDIVISIONS SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED LIST OF ROAD NAMES TO THE COUNTY FOR APPROVAL, AND SHALL PLACE AND MAINTAIN STREET SIGNS WITHIN SAID DEVELOPMENT OR SUBDIVISION UPON ASSIGNMENT OF APPROVED ROAD NAMES.

B. RESIDENTS REQUESTING ROAD NAME CHANGES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF REPLACING STREET SIGNS ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED FEE SCHEDULE FOR NAME CHANGES.
4. NUMBERING REQUIRED: ALL LOTS, BUILDINGS, AND HOUSES IN SANTA FE COUNTY SHALL BE NUMBERED. NUMBERS SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO ALL EXISTING HOUSES AND BUILDINGS BY RURAL ADDRESSING PERSONNEL UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. THE ADDRESSING SYSTEM SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY SANTA FE COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

5. PLACEMENT OF NUMBERS: IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE OWNER AND/OR OCCUPANTS OF EACH AND EVERY LOT, HOUSE AND BUILDING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA FE COUNTY TO HAVE PLACED UPON THEIR PROPERTY THE ASSIGNED NUMBER.

NUMBERS PLACED SHALL CONFORM WITH THE APPROVED COLOR AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS.

NUMBERS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY PLACED AND MAINTAINED IN A LOCATION VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD UPON WHICH SUCH LOT, HOUSE OR BUILDING IS ACCESSED.

6. MAPS: THE COUNTY SHALL KEEP AN OFFICIAL MAP SHOWING THE NUMBER OF EACH LOT, OCCUPIED BUILDING, AND HOUSE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, WHICH SHALL BE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.
7. RESTRICTIONS: TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION
OF THE RURAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM, THE COUNTY SHALL ENFORCE
THE FOLLOWING:
A. NO DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON
FOR ANY LOCATION UNTIL AN ADDRESS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO
THAT LOCATION.

B. ONLY PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY MAY INSTALL OR
ERECT ROAD NAME SIGNS, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED FOR
DEVELOPMENTS AND SUBDIVISIONS. NO PERSON SHALL REMOVE,
ALTER, CHANGE, OR OTHERWISE DEFACE A ROAD NAME SIGN
WHICH EXIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

8. PENALTIES: ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION,
CORPORATION, PUBLIC UTILITY, PRIVATE UTILITY, OR OTHER
LEGAL ENTITY WHO INSTALLS OR CAUSES TO BE INSTALLED, ANY
UTILITY SERVICE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER, SEWER, TELEPHONE, OR CABLE
TELEVISION SERVICE TO ANY LOCATION REQUIRED BY THIS
ORDINANCE TO BE ASSIGNED AN ADDRESS WITHOUT FIRST
RECEIVING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND AN ADDRESS FOR THAT
LOCATION, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND PUNISHED
BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00)
OR BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR A TERM NOT TO
EXCEED NINETY (90) DAYS, OR BOTH SUCH FINE AND
IMPRISONMENT.

ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO PROPERLY PLACE UPON AND MAINTAIN ASSIGNED ADDRESS NUMBERS ON PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY THAT PERSON AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00)

ANY PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY INSTALLS, REMOVES, ALTERS, CHANGES, OR OTHERWISE DEFACES OR WILLFULLY CONCEALS A ROAD NAME SIGN ERECTED OR INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) OR BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) DAYS, OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

9. RESOLUTIONS: ALL DETAILS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL 1990:
BOARD OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Raymond M. Chavez, Chair

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

Norman Osborne, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 17th day of April, 1940, at 11:30 o'clock, A.M., and was duly recorded in book 672, page 604-610, of the records of the County of Santa Fe County.

Witness my hand and seal of office.

Jona G. Armijo
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

Joyce Medina
Deputy