

SANTA FE COUNTY

Ordinance No. 1990-05

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

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

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16 WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS
17 DETERMINED THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND
18 RESPONSIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS
19 OF SANTA FE COUNTY; TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
20 THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC
21 UTILITIES; AND SO THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY
22 MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE THE AVAILABILITY OF
23 THESE SERVICES, IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A
24 UNIFORM METHOD OF DESIGNATION AND IDENTIFICATION
25 OF HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN SANTA FE COUNTY.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
2 COMMISSIONERS, THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT AN ADDRESSING SYSTEM AS
3 FOLLOWS:

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

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

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14 STARTING POINT: STATE HIGHWAYS SHALL BE ADDRESSED
15 ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING MILE MARKERS.

16 ALL OTHER ROADS WHICH PROVIDE ACCESS TO MORE THAN THREE
17 RESIDENCES, LOTS, OR OCCUPIED BUILDINGS SHALL BE
18 CONSIDERED TO BEGIN AT THE POINT WHERE THEY BRANCH FROM
19 ANOTHER ROAD. IF ANY ROAD HAS BOTH ENDS ACCESSED FROM
20 THE SAME ROAD, THE STARTING POINT SHALL BE AT THE LOWER
21 NUMBERED END OF THE ACCESS ROAD.

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23 2. ROAD NAMES: ALL ROADS SHALL BE NAMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 THE GENERAL NAME CATEGORY ASSIGNED TO THAT AREA, OR AS
25 APPROVED BY THE COUNTY OR ITS DESIGNEE.

1 THIS RULE SHALL APPLY TO ALL ROADS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE,
2 WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SANTA FE COUNTY. ROAD NAMES
3 SHALL BE 17 CHARACTERS OR LESS, INCLUDING SPACES.
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5 NAME CHANGES: THE COUNTY, OR ITS DESIGNEE MAY CHANGE
6 EXISTING ROAD NAMES AS REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE
7 DUPLICATION. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE MAY BE MADE BY
8 RESIDENTS OF A NAMED ROAD ACCORDING TO THE "RULES AND
9 PROCEDURES FOR ROAD NAME CHANGES" APPENDED HERETO.
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11 3. STREET SIGNS SHALL CONFORM TO APPROVED COUNTY STANDARDS
12 FOR COLOR, OVERALL SIZE, LETTERING SIZE, AND HEIGHT.
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14 STREET SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AND MAINTAINED BY THE
15 COUNTY EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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21 6. MAPS: THE COUNTY SHALL KEEP AN OFFICIAL MAP SHOWING THE
22 NUMBER OF EACH LOT, OCCUPIED BUILDING, AND HOUSE IN THE
23 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, WHICH SHALL BE
24 A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

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1 7. RESTRICTIONS: TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION
2 OF THE RURAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM, THE COUNTY SHALL ENFORCE
3 THE FOLLOWING:

4 A. NO DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON
5 FOR ANY LOCATION UNTIL AN ADDRESS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO
6 THAT LOCATION.

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

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

1 IMPRISONMENT.

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

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

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

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23 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY
24 OF APRIL 1990:

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BOARD OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

RAYMOND M. CHAVEZ, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

NORMAN OSBORNE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 17 day of April A.D.
19 90 at 11:33 o'clock A.m.
and was duly recorded in book 678,
page 604-610 of the records of
Santa Fe County.

ATTEST:

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Jona G. Armijo
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

JONA G. ARMIJO, COUNTY CLERK

Joyce Medina
Deputy

