

## TOWN OF BARNET

### ORDINANCE REGARDING STREET NAMING AND STREET ADDRESSING

#### **Section I - Purpose**

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2291 (16) and 24 V.S.A. § 4421 the Select Board of the Town of Barnet hereby establish the following ordinance regarding: Street Naming and Street Addressing. The purpose for this ordinance is to help establish a more uniform street naming and street addressing system throughout the Town of Barnet. We believe that easily locatable addresses will have a number of beneficial results: 1) It will enable emergency services to arrive at a scene faster. 2) Addresses will be easier to find. 3) The U. S. Postal Service will soon stop Rural Route deliveries and require a street address. 4) Visitors to our town will be able to find an address and know where they are in case of emergency. 5) When the State of Vermont begins Enhanced 911 the Town of Barnet will be ready for it.

#### **Section II -- Street Naming**

Every street and road, both public and private, shall be assigned a name. This will be done at first by a special Task Force (a committee made up of local residents, and after public input, with final approval by the Barnet Select Board.

In the future any new development must meet the guidelines of this ordinance.

All road names must be a separate and distinct name. No two roads can have the same or similar sounding names. No new road can have any currently used name in the Town of Barnet. Furthermore, the Barnet Select Board may change the names of the streets, both public and private, (after duly warned public hearings) within the Town of Barnet when necessary to promote public welfare and safety.

#### **Section III - Administration**

A uniform system of numbering properties and principal buildings as shown on the property tax maps which are maintained by the Board of Listers is hereby adopted for use in the Town of Barnet.

The Board of Listers shall number parcels as necessary and update the property tax maps annually according to the method of numbering set forth in section IV. Existing numbering of parcels not in conformity with this chapter shall be changed to conform to the system herein adopted to maintain the integrity of the overall system and to protect public safety.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a developer shall furnish a plan for a street addressing and street naming system in accordance with this ordinance to the Town Planner/Zoning Officer. Who, with the Listers, will then assign a number in accordance with Section IV hereof.

#### **Section IV - General Numbering System Guideline**

All roads are to be given an official name by the Barnet Select Board and shall be measured in segments of 5.8 feet from a designated starting point, usually the end of the road nearest the intersection of a larger road. Odd numbers shall be assigned to the LEFT side of the road and even numbers to the RIGHT side of the road.

All numbers shall be established based on front entrance from the street, from the center of the driveway, or, in some cases, the center of the structure.

All numbers shall be properly affixed on or near the front entrance or in some other manner visible from the street. The numbers must be easily legible figures not less than two (2") inches high and in a color contrasting to the building background. (Fire Department recommends reflective numbers). The United States Post Office requires correct, easily legible numbers which are not obscured by anything. The home owner is responsible for the numbers on the house or unit. If a house is not visible from the road it needs a number at the driveway visible from the road.

Numbers shall be reserved to provide for future growth in property in all areas.

#### **Section V - Definitions**

**APARTMENT HOUSE** - A building under one ownership in which the rooms are arranged and rented as apartments. The apartment house shall be given a street number and each individual apartment shall be given an apartment number. For example: 21 Hill Street, Apt. 1; 21 Hill Street, Apt. 2.

**RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX** - A building with individual separately owned units in a multi-unit structure usually with land owned in common. Each condominium road shall be given a road name and each condominium unit within the complex shall be given its own street number. For example: 2 Green Willow (Timber Creek Complex).

**COMMERCIAL COMPLEX** - A building or buildings under one ownership used for commerce or industrial use, shall be numbered and each building given its own street number, and each unit shall be given its own unit or suite number. For example: 111 Hill Street, Suite 1. Where there are multiple roads in a complex, each road shall be named and each building given its own number. In the case of commercial condominiums each separately owned unit



in the building should have a unit number and further leased/division should be given a letter. For example: 111 Hill Street, Suite 1, Unit A.

**COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND APARTMENT COMPLEX** - A building or buildings used for commercial use in which there are also apartments. Each building shall be given its own street number; each commercial unit shall be given a respective unit or suite number and each apartment a respective apartment number. At no time shall a unit or apartment be given the same numbers. For example: 58 Hill Street, Unit 1 (first floor business) 58 Hill Street, Apt. 3 (third floor apartment).

**DUPLEX APARTMENT** - An apartment with rooms on two floors and a private inner stairway. Each such building shall be given its own street number and each apartment within that building shall be given its own apartment number. For example: 3 Hill Street, Apt. 1; 3 Hill Street, Apt. 2.

**DUPLEX HOUSE** - A dwelling consisting of two separate family units that is separated from the adjoining units by a wall that extends from ground to floor. Each family unit shall be given its own street number. For example: 5 Cooper Hill Road, 7 Cooper Hill Road.

**SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING** - A detached one family house, shall be given its own street number. For example: 48 Higley Hill Road.

**A SINGLE FAMILY UNIT WITH AN APARTMENT** - A detached one family house with an apartment. Each single family dwelling unit shall be given a street number and each apartment shall use that street number along with a respective apartment number. For example: 37 Cheney Brook Road; 37 Cheney Brook Road, Apt. 1.

## **Section VI - Street Signs**

The Select Board, upon adoption of this ordinance, shall institute a program for the installation and maintenance of Street Name Signs in accordance with the names established by this ordinance. All signs shall be installed and maintained to the highest degree possible allowed by budget considerations.

There will be a \$500.00 fine for any vandalism (stealing, defacing, or destroying) of public signs within the Town of Barnet.

All signs shall conform to applicable Barnet sign regulations.

## **Section VII - Public Notice and Implementation**

**Public Notice:** The Town of Barnet, Select Board shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance: Street Naming and Street Addressing, shall be: 1) entered into the Selectman's minutes, 2) shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Town of Barnet, and 3) the full text of the Ordinance or a concise summary of it published in the Caledonian-Record not more than fourteen (14) days following the date specified below when this ordinance is adopted.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Barnet on the day and date set forth below, and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days after said date.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on this ordinance at an annual or special town meeting as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

### Section VIII- Severability

If any portion of this Ordinance and Amendments is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and Amendments shall not be affected.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1997.

TOWN OF BARNET SELECT BOARD

  
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