

Buffalo County Ordinance



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County Department:
Zoning Department

Presented Month/Year:
January, 2019

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

Involved Committees:
Zoning

CA Approved: YES / NO

ORDINANCE # 19 – 01 – 01

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE BUFFALO COUNTY ORDINANCE ENTITLED “BUFFALO COUNTY UNIFORM NUMBERING SYSTEM ORDINANCE”, HERINAFTER ENTITLED THE:

“BUFFALO COUNTY UNIFORM ADDRESSING ORDINANCE”.

WHEREAS, The ‘Buffalo County Comprehensive Land Use Plan’ was adopted in the year 2013 to guide planning and land use in the County over the following 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Plan’s, Land Use Element, defines specific objectives for Buffalo County and states as an Objective *that the County will: “Establish a Sustainable Rural Addressing Program”* with the program designed to *“Identify short comings in the current addressing program and develop long term maintenance measures to ensure the future success of the system.”*; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Uniform Numbering System Ordinance, originally adopted in the year 1989, is recognized as outdated and imprecise in its language and intent, and is found lacking in concise and specific regulations pertaining to addressing and road naming requirements; and

WHEREAS, perspectives and comprehension of uniform addressing and its implications and requirements evolve with time; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee has convened on Oct. 16th, Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th, and Jan. 7th to review, discuss and guide development of the Uniform Addressing Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee held an official public hearing on January 7, 2019 for the purpose of gathering public testimony regarding proposed Uniform Addressing Ordinance revisions and placed the same on file in the Office of the County Clerk for two weeks prior to the January 7, 2019 hearing; and

WHEREAS, notice of this public hearing was published in the "Official Buffalo County Newspaper" in accordance with s.66.0103 and 59.69(5) Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, notice of this public hearing and a copy of the Ordinance was sent at least 10 days prior to the public hearing to each Town Clerk and each Town Chair of the 17 individual Towns comprising Buffalo County; and

WHEREAS, within 7 days of Ordinance adoption by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors, each Town Clerk of Buffalo County shall be sent notice of the effective date of the Ordinance and shall be sent an additional copy of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS; The Ordinance has been reviewed by the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department which submitted a letter of approval and support signed by; Michael Schmidt, Sheriff and Lee Ingfer, Chief Deputy and Diane Mikelson, Dispatch Supervisor and Tammy Huber, E911 Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: The Ordinance has been reviewed and approved by Bob Platteter, Highway Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of the Uniform Addressing Ordinance is to:

- Promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community of Buffalo County by providing the most practical, efficient, and logical means of physically locating properties and structures within the County.
- To provide the means and standards for the most rapid location of community members and property by all emergency service providers including; emergency medical care, fire department response, law enforcement, and all other first response providers and emergency personnel; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the adoption and enactment of the "Buffalo County Uniform Addressing Ordinance".

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of January, 2019.

Roxann M. Halverson

County Clerk – Roxann Halverson

ATTEST:

Mary Anne McMillan Urell

County Board Chairperson

Mary Anne McMillan Urell

Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of January, 2019.

Buffalo County Zoning Committee:

Michael Taylor

Michael Taylor, chair

Bernard Brunkow

Bernard Brunkow, vice chair

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