

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02.1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE SECTION 7 OF KNOX COUNTY UNIFORM RURAL ADDRESS SYSTEM ORDINANCE 2013-02

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

Purpose: This ordinance mandates the use of a uniform rural address system for the residents of Knox County in order to promote the convenience, safety and general welfare of those residents and provides for a penalty for noncompliance.

Section 2

Definitions: For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

- a. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.
- b. "Subdivision" shall mean the division of a tract of land into separate lots or parcels for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development.
- c. "Building" shall mean a roofed and/or walled structure built for permanent use.
- d. "Base Map" shall mean the map used by the agency coordinating the uniform rural address system in Knox County. Such a map shall indicate all addresses in Knox County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3

Establishment by resolution. The County Commission shall, by resolution, establish the type of uniform rural address system to be used in Knox County.

Section 4

Extent of System. The uniform rural address system shall apply to all public and private roads, and shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of Knox County except in areas already using the system of an incorporated area. Unincorporated areas using an address system not attached to an incorporated area shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5

Implementation of system. The County Commission, with assistance from the E- 911 Board of Directors and the Knox County Assessors' office, shall direct the following:

- a. Verify the accuracy of the base map that shall be used in the assignment of addresses.

- b. Make all necessary corrections and updates to that map.
- c. Assign addresses in accordance with the system.
- d. Purchase sign assembly materials.
- e. Develop and print rural reference maps for emergency providers, dispatchers, county offices, emergency vehicles, the U.S. Post Office and the general public.
- f. Notify post offices, rural emergency providers, dispatchers, emergency vehicles, county offices and all providers and offices located in adjacent counties whereby districts overlap into Knox County of the effective date of the system and the address assignments.
- g. Send notification to all residents affected by this system. Such notification shall state:
 - (i) The date the system will take effect.
 - (ii) The date the post office and county departments will start using the system.
 - (iii) An explanation of the system and how to use it.

Section 6

Road Markers. The County Commission shall supervise the installation of road identification markers at each road intersection in Knox County.

Section 7

Address Numbers. The owner or occupant of each house or building in the areas described in Section 4 shall be required to place in a conspicuous place, visible from the main traveled road, numbers in block numerals with a minimum height of two and three-fourth inches (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "); numbers shall be reflective white in color and shall be affixed to a blue background for ease of identification. Any house number existing at the time the provisions of this ordinance take effect and that is different than the newly assigned number shall be removed at the time the new number is assigned.

Section 8

New Structures. Every person erecting a building as set forth under the provisions of Section 7 of this ordinance, but after the date the uniform rural address system becomes effective shall, within seven (7) days of commencement of construction, notify the County Assessors' office, who shall within seven (7) days assign a number to such structure. The provisions of Section 5 and Section 7 shall be applicable to any person subject to the provisions of this section.

Section 9

Maintenance of Uniform Rural Address System. The E-911 Board shall be responsible for the continued maintenance of the uniform rural address system in Knox County. These duties shall include assignment of all new addresses as needed in conjunction with the County Assessors office, updating maps, issuing new maps on an as needed basis to the

agencies and persons provided for in Section 5, making periodic checks of the rural areas of Knox County to insure that the provisions of this ordinance are being complied with, and any other duties necessary to insure the continued maintenance of the Uniform Rural Address System of Knox County.

Section 10

Penalty. Any person convicted of refusing to use the Uniform Rural Address System may be sentenced to payment of a fine which shall not exceed One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00). Any person convicted of removal, damaging, alteration or destruction of a rural address system road marker may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, payment of a fine which shall not exceed Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or any combination of such term of imprisonment and fine..

Section 11

Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 12

Severability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KNOX COUNTY, MISSOURI. PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Attest: _____
Marlene Spory, County Clerk

Evan Glasgow, Presiding Commissioner

Terry Callahan, Associate Commissioner

Roger Parton, Associate Commissioner