

TOWN OF MISHICOT
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1

ORDINANCE REGARDING PLACEMENT AND REGULATION OF ADDRESS MARKERS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Mishicot, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, pursuant to the police powers of the Town Board and as allowed by the Wisconsin State Statutes, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to maintain address markers on every parcel of real property in the Town of Mishicot on which is located a habitable structure or building of value. Markers shall be in a visible location and kept in good readable condition. Markers are to assist ambulance services, fire departments, and law enforcement to locate addresses.

Section 2. Installation of Markers: The Town of Mishicot shall install at each property with a habitable structure or building of value an address marker sign. The sign will be numbered with the address of the structure. The Town of Mishicot shall install these numbers on a steel post so that the numbers are clearly visible from the driven portion of a road or highway adjoining the property. The sign shall be perpendicular to the adjacent roadway centerline. The post and numbers shall be installed within fifteen (15) feet of either side of the driveway entrance leading into the property and shall be placed in the Town of Mishicot, the county, or the state road right-of-way limits. Structures on private roads will require a written agreement between the Town and landowner to place the sign on private property. Persons wishing to have a marker relocated after initial installation must get approval from the Town Board or its designee.

Section 3. Sign Ownership. The address marker sign and post are and will remain the property of the Town of Mishicot. The signs will be placed in road right of ways which are controlled by the Town of Mishicot or other government entities. Any sign placed on private property, such as on a private road, will require a written and signed agreement between the Town and the landowner showing that the town retains ownership of the marker and the sign and post shall not be tampered with. If an agreement cannot be reached with the private landowner to place an address marker sign in accordance with Section 2 of this ordinance, the Town may place the address sign at the nearest intersection of Town road and the private road, or place no sign at all.

Section 4. Penalties: Any person who obliterates, removes, damages, or destroys an address marker or otherwise violates this Ordinance shall forfeit not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs for each offense plus any penalty or other assessments imposed by statute and other costs of prosecution incurred by the Town. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 5. Injunctive Relief: In addition to all other remedies available, the Town Board of Mishicot may authorize the commencement of appropriate action or proceeding to prohibit the owner, resident, agent or occupant of the real estate within the Town of Mishicot from removing, destroying, obliterating or damaging an address marker in violation of this Ordinance.

- A. If sign is removed or damaged by the landowner it is assigned to, the Town Board or designee may replace the address sign marker and charge costs back to the property owner. Failure to pay the costs within 30 days of billing will result in placing the repair costs on the property owner's tax bill as a special assessment against the property pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.
- B. If the address marker sign is damaged by someone other than the property owner, by accident or other means, the Town Board or designee may replace the marker and bill costs to the

responsible party.

Section 6. Severability: If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2016.

Town of Mishicot

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