

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM ROAD NAMING
AND PROPERTY NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR CANDLER
COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING
SAID SYSTEM AND FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

The Candler County Board of Commissioners has determined that the adequate provisions of public services to the residents of the unincorporated portion of Candler County, and to other public bodies, including such services as law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, requires the establishment of a uniform road naming and numbering system for buildings and property located in the unincorporated portion of the County. The Candler County Board of Commissioners further feels that the ordinance enacted herein will secure the public safety and deliver the aforementioned public services in a more efficient and effective manner.

SECTION 2. PREAMBLE

There is hereby established a uniform system applicable to both public and private road naming and for numbering property and buildings on all roads, streets, and public ways in the unincorporated areas of Candler County. All buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

SECTION 3. ROAD NAMES

- A. The Candler County Board of Commissioners shall establish and assign names for all streets, roads and public ways in the unincorporated areas of Candler County.
- B. No new road name assigned by the Candler County Board of Commissioners shall be a duplicate of or be similar to (either phonetically or by spelling) any other existing street name in the unincorporated areas of Candler County.

- C. Existing duplicate road names shall be changed as necessary to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Enhanced 911 System in Candler County, as determined in the judgement of the Candler County Board of Commissioners.
- D. Historical names shall be the prime consideration in the assignment of road names.
- E. As many segmental roads as possible shall be identified as being a continuous road, thereby eliminating as many road identifying names and numbers as possible.
- F. The County paved roads and historical roads, whether paved or unpaved, shall be named, and as funds are available the names and county road numbers shall be posted. Road naming within subdivisions shall comply with the Candler County Subdivision Regulations and in addition, be approved by the Candler County Board of Commissioners prior to the final subdivision plat being accepted by the Planning Commission and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Candler County, Georgia. Furthermore, all roads, whether or not completely paved, shall be named and bear the same name and number throughout.
- G. Upon receipt of a petition in the form and format as specified by the Board of Commissioners seeking a change of name of an existing road containing the signatures of the owners or their representatives as specified below of not less than 80% of the parcels of property abutting said public road, the Board of Commissioners shall take under consideration but be under no compulsion to grant said request. At its discretion, the Board of Commissioners may, but shall not be required to, prior to deciding the issue of the proposed name change, hold a public hearing on the issue.

The owner of the abutting property shall be deemed to be the person or entity returning the property for ad valorem taxes in the office of the Candler County Tax Commissioner or Candler County Tax Assessor as deemed appropriate.

If the property is returned in the name of an estate or trust, the legal representative of said estate or trust must sign the petition.

If the property is returned in the name of a corporation, a corporate officer must sign the petition on behalf of the corporation.

If the property is returned in the name of a partnership, each partner must sign the petition unless the signing partner has written authorization to sign for all other partners.

If, according to the records in the Tax Commissioner's office or in the Tax Assessor's office, more than one natural person has a life or fee interest in said property, each such interest holder must sign the petition unless the signing interest holder has written permission to sign for the non-signing interest holders.

The determination by the Board of Commissioners as to the authority of the person signing the petition and the number of parcels abutting said road shall be final.

- H. In the event there is a dispute as to the proper name of an existing road or a dispute as to whether an existing road has been previously officially named, the Candler County Board of Commissioners, in its absolute discretion, shall assign a name to such road under the same procedure for the naming of a new road. The decision by the Candler County Board of Commissioners as to the name assigned to such road shall be final.
- I. Only single word family names will be allowed as road names and there shall be no duplication either partially, fully, phonetically, by spelling, by hyphenation, or any other similar duplication. The family name shall either be the last name only, the first name only, or any other single word form of the family name, only.

SECTION 4. NUMBERING

- A. The Candler County Board of Commissioners shall establish a new address numbering system which shall be administered by the Bulloch-Candler-Evans Regional E-911 System.
- B. Each house, building, other occupied structure, and other critical facilities shall be assigned a separate number. A number or alphabetical letter shall be assigned for each separate and distinct

occupant or division (i.e. apartment, company, etc.) within a building or other occupied structure.

- C. Existing numbers shall be changed only as necessary to insure the effectiveness and efficiency of the enhanced 911 system in Candler County, as determined in the judgement of the Candler County Board of Commissioners.
- D. All new buildings and structures must be assigned a number address by the Bulloch-Candler-Evans Regional E-911 System. All subdivision plats must also be submitted to the Candler County 911 Agency prior to approval being granted by the Candler County Board of Commissioners for such subdivision plat.
- E. Written notification of the address assigned under the terms of this ordinance to each house, building, or other structure shall be given or delivered to its respective owner.
- F. Written notification of the address assigned under the terms of this ordinance to each house, building or structure shall also be given to the appropriate post office of the United States Postal Service.

SECTION 5. PLACEMENT OF ASSIGNED NUMBERS

- A. Except as set forth in Section Six (6) and Seven (7) herein, the owner, occupant or agent of each house, building or other structure assigned a number under the uniform numbering system provided in this ordinance shall place or cause to be placed such number on the house, building, or other structure within thirty (30) days after receiving notification of the number assignment.
- B. Cost and installation of the numbers shall be paid for by the property owner, occupant, or agent of each house, building or other structure.
- C. Residential numbers shall not be less than three inches in height. Business numbers shall not be less than four inches in height. All numbers shall be made of a durable, clearly visible material and shall contrast with the color of the house, building or other structure.

- D. All numbers shall be conspicuously placed immediately above, on or at the side of the appropriate door so that the number is clearly visible from the street. In cases where the building is situated more than fifty (50) feet from the street, the building number shall be placed near the walk, driveway, or common entrance to the building, or upon the mailbox, gatepost, fence or other appropriate place to be clearly visible.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

- A. No electrical permit shall be issued for any house, building or other structure to be erected, altered or modified in the unincorporated areas of Candler County after the effective date of this ordinance until the owner has obtained the assigned number from the Bulloch-Candler-Evans Regional E-911 System.
- B. It shall be the duty of the owner to attach the assigned number to said house, building or other structure as provided herein.
- C. Final approval of any house, building, or other structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after the effective date of this ordinance shall be withheld by the building inspector until permanent and proper numbers have been attached to said structure.

SECTION 7. EXISTING STRUCTURES

- A. The Candler County Board of Commissioners shall require owners of existing structures to post the assigned numbers to their structure in accordance herewith within six (6) months from the completion of County wide E-911 addressing.

SECTION 8. VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCE.

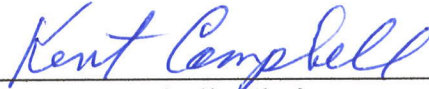
- A. The removal, destruction, defacement, or possession of a road name sign shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. The failure to obtain and/or post the assigned numbers in accordance herewith shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance. A violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor offense and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than 12 months. In addition to or in lieu of the foregoing, the governing authority may,


whether by legal process or otherwise, seek to enjoin, correct, and/or abate any violations of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted in regular meeting this 4th day of April, 2005.



Kent Campbell, Chairman


Doris A. Strickland, Clerk

Attest: Doris A. Strickland, Clerk