

## CERRO GORDO COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 13

### TITLE

Uniform Rural Address System Ordinance of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

Be It Enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa:

#### **SECTION 1.**

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

#### **SECTION 2.**

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

1. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, unincorporated association or other entity.
2. "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.
3. "Building" shall mean a roofed and/or walled structure built for permanent use.
4. "Base Map" shall mean the map used by the agency co-ordinating the uniform rural address system in Cerro Gordo County. Such a map shall indicate all addresses in Cerro Gordo County subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
5. "Engineer" shall mean the Cerro Gordo County Engineer.

6. "Zoning Administrator" shall mean the Cerro Gordo County Zoning Administrator.

### **SECTION 3.**

Establishment by Ordinance. The Board shall, by ordinance, establish the street and avenue type of uniform rural address system to be used in Cerro Gordo County.

### **SECTION 4.**

Extent of System. The uniform rural address system shall extend over the entire unincorporated areas of Cerro Gordo County except for those areas already using the system of a nearby incorporated area. Any incorporated area, upon presentation of a written request from the governing body of such city to the Board, may also be included in the uniform rural address system.

### **SECTION 5.**

Implementation of System. The Board shall direct the Zoning Administrator to:

1. Verify the accuracy of the base map that shall be used in the assignment of addresses.
2. Make all necessary corrections and updates to that map.
3. Assign addresses in accordance with the system selected by the Board.
4. Purchase sign assembly materials which meet Iowa Department of Transportation specifications.
5. Develop, print, and make available rural reference maps.
6. Notify post offices, rural emergency providers, dispatchers, emergency vehicles, and county offices, located in adjacent counties whereby such districts overlap into Cerro Gordo County of the effective date of the system and the address assignments.
7. Notify all residents affected by this mandatory system, by publication and posting, of the following:

- a) How to use the system.
  - b) That road markers have been placed.
  - c) That permanent address markers have been placed indicating the assigned house number.
  - d) That maintenance of the system is required and where replacement markers can be obtained and how to place them.
  - e) How to obtain address markers for new structures.
  - f) There is a penalty for refusing to use the system and for removing, damaging, defacing, altering or destroying the address marker.
8. Distribute the markers.

## **SECTION 6.**

Road Markers. The Zoning Administrator shall supervise the installation of road identification markers at each road intersection in Cerro Gordo County whereby the provisions of this ordinance apply. Such markers shall be in place on or before the date the system takes effect.

## **SECTION 7.**

House Numbers. Cerro Gordo County will provide for every person owning, controlling, occupying, or using any house, store, storeroom, or building situated on premises fronting any public way as provided in Section 4, a permanent marker on such premises indicating the assigned number. 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 installed.

The permanent marker with the house number affixed shall be placed to the right of the driveway on the right of way line as you face the property from the road.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to accessory buildings but may apply to such buildings located on a separate unit of frontage if requested by the owner or proprietor and approved.

## **SECTION 8.**

Maintenance of Uniform Rural Address System. The Zoning Administrator shall be responsible for the enforcement and maintenance of the uniform rural address system in Cerro Gordo County. These duties shall include assignment of all new addresses, providing markers for new addresses, providing replacement markers, replacing street markers as needed and in conjunction with the County Engineer, updating maps, making available new maps on an annual basis, making periodic checks of the rural areas of Cerro Gordo 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 Cerro Gordo County.

A fee for said replacement markers, covering the cost of said markers, shall be paid to Cerro Gordo County by the property owner or proprietor.

## **SECTION 9.**

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 Zoning Administrator who shall within fourteen (14) 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 10.**

Penalty. Refusal to use the Uniform Rural Address System, or the removal, damaging, defacing, alteration or destruction of the Uniform Rural Address Marker which indicates a premises assigned number or the removal, damaging, alteration or destruction of a rural address system marker intentionally by one who has no right to so act may be punished by fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days. In addition, any violation of this section shall be a county infraction which is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$100.00 for each violation, or if the infraction is a repeat offense a civil penalty not exceeding \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

**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 section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 13.**

When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

May 9, 1989

Motion by Supervisor Ermer and seconded by Supervisor Urdahl: To approve the final reading of Cerro Gordo County Home Rule Ordinance No. 13, entitled the "Uniform Rural Address System Ordinance of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa." Said hearing being continued from the first public hearing held on April 25, 1989.

Vote taken resulted as follows:

AYES - Ermer, Urdahl and Gisel  
NAYES - none  
ABSENT - none

/s/ WILLARD E. GISEL  
WILLARD GISEL, CHAIRMAN, CERRO GORDO COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST

/S/ Linda Kay Collins  
Linda Kay Collins  
Cerro Gordo County Auditor