

THAT THE BROWN CITY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 8400 OF CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1, WHICH SAID SECTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Brown City has determined the need for a set of rules requiring the display of street address numbers to ensure the continued health and safety of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Brown City was told by Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services that it is difficult to locate some residences or businesses in the City of Brown City because there are no street address numbers or, if present are incorrect, or are inadequate for identification; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Brown City has determined that without adequate street address numbers, emergency service responses could be slower, potentially making emergency situations even more serious;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWN CITY:

Section 8400: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF A STREET ADDRESS NUMBER ON HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

8400.1 Definitions:

Residence is any structure wherein persons live as distinguished from a business or industry.

Street Address Numbers are those identifying numerals which are consistent with identification as set forth by the Sanilac County Building Commissioner and/or his/her designee, which are recognized by the United States Postal Service and which are the correct numerals to properly identify the location of the property within the City of Brown City.

House is considered as a structure which may contain one or more residences.

Apartments are structures which may include multi-family residences.

Business and/or Industry is an establishment located in some structure which is a purveyor of goods or services.

8400.2 Minimum Requirements:

- 8400.2.1 Every residence, house, apartment, business and industry within the city limits of the City of Brown City shall display assigned street address numbers.

- 8400.2.2 Street address numbers must be easily seen when viewed from the street or road when traveling in either direction in an Emergency Services vehicle. Obstructions preventing the street address numbers from being seen by Emergency Services workers are prohibited.
- 8400.2.3 The minimum size for street address numbers is three inches (3") in height and one and one-half inches (1½") in width.
- 8400.2.4 Street numbers can be permanently installed in one of the following locations to best aid Emergency Services workers (see Appendix 1):
- 8400.2.4.1 Mounted on the wall to the right side (as seen from the street) of the primary entrance door with the bottom of the address approximately five feet (5') above the top step or floor of the porch / landing (see picture #1); or
 - 8400.2.4.2 Mounted on the right side (as seen from the street) of the porch or other roofed structure attached to the front of the building with the bottom of the address approximately five feet (5') (see picture #2a and #2b); or,
 - 8400.2.4.3 Mounted on a mail box located next to the street (see picture #3); or,
 - 8400.2.4.4 Mounted on a stake or pole adjacent to the driveway near the street (see picture #4).
 - 8400.2.4.5 Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent a property owner from displaying a second house number of the type or location of their choosing.
- 8400.2.5 No occupancy permit for new construction will be issued until proper numbers are erected either by contractor or residence owner.

8400.3 Property Owner's Responsibilities:

- 8400.3.1 The property owner is solely responsible for any injury, damage or death resulting from City of Brown City Emergency Services workers (Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Public Safety workers, or Sanilac County building official) being unable to expeditiously locate the proper building if street address numbers are missing or not in compliance with the above requirements.
- 8400.3.2 Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event the street address number relied upon for the house, residence, apartment, business or industry was incorrectly assigned by the City of Brown City utility billing clerk, or the United States Postal Service,

then the property owner is responsible for prompt notification of the City of Brown City.

8400.4 Implementation Period: Property owners shall have street address numbers displayed in accordance with the Ordinance within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

8400.5 Penalties: Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine in accordance with City Ordinance Section 1108.6.

8400.6 Severability: The provisions and sections of this ordinance shall be deemed separable and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

8400.7 Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption (October 12, 2006).

INTRODUCTION:

This Amended Ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Leon Blatt on the 24th day of July, 2006, at the Regular Meeting of the Brown City Council. The Public Hearing thereon was held on the 14th day of August, 2006, at 7:15 PM.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Motion by Councilmember Mike Lents, second by Councilmember Ron Wood, to adopt Ordinance Section 8400 – AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF A STREET ADDRESS NUMBER ON HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

Roll Call vote on this Ordinance, with six (6) members being present, was as follows:

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0
Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance Section 8400 of the Brown City Code, duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting of the City Council held at the City Hall on the 11th day of September, 2006.

I do hereby further certify that the said Amended Brown City Code Section 8400 was published as required by the Brown City Charter in *The Banner*, a paper published and circulated in the City of Brown City, County of Sanilac, Michigan, on the 18th day of September, 2006.

Witness my official signature this _____ day of September _____, 2006.

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk
City of Brown City