# CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03-04

Displaying Street Address Numbers

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE THE DISPLAY OF ADDRESS NUMBERS; PROVIDING SPECIFICATIONS; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lavon has previously adopted an official and uniform method of displaying street address numbers on homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has adopted a policy that mail delivery to all new developments is centralized delivery, most often using cluster box units (CBU), not individual mail boxes; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City residents and to preserve and protect their property, the City Council deems it reasonable and necessary to amend the regulations pertaining to displaying street address numbers on all homes and businesses within the City of Lavon.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS, THAT:

**SECTION 1**. Display required.

The Code of Regulations, Section 2.4.1.1 <u>Required 911 Addressing on Single Family</u> Residential Homes Section (A)(3) shall be amended as follows:

- 3) if the front of the house is located less than fifty (50) feet from a public roadway, the numerical address shall be located on:
  - a) the front of the house using four (4) inch or larger numbers...; or
  - b) on the curb of the street directly in front of the residence using four (4) inch or larger numbers; or
  - b) on the mailbox directly in front of the residence using two (2) inch or larger numbers; or
  - e) on a signpost within three (3) feet of the intersection of the driveway and the street directly in front of the residence using three (3) inch or larger numbers.

#### **SECTION 2**. Alternative display when required.

A different method of address display may be required when deemed necessary by the Chief of Police for a house, building or structure. Such methods may include but are not limited to painting the address number on the curb at the front of the structure, placing the numbers on a mailbox directly in front of the structure, placing a sign within three (3) feet of the intersection of the driveway and the street directly in front of the residence using three (3) inch or larger numbers, or placement of address on a permitted sign in a commercial area.

### **SECTION 3**. Compliance required.

Any person owning, leasing, occupying or maintaining any house, building or structure which has no number displayed thereon, which displays an incorrect number, or violates this ordinance in any way, when so informed and notified by the Chief of Police shall put up a number, shall change the incorrect number so that the proper number will be displayed, or shall take any necessary action to comply with this ordinance, within thirty days after the date of the notice.

## **SECTION 4**. Penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each such person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by such person, and shall be punished accordingly.

#### **SECTION 5.** Severability.

It is hereby declared by the City Council of the City of Lavon that if any of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise illegal by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such event shall not affect any remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 6.** Open Meeting.

It is hereby officially found and determined that all notice required by law has been given and notice of this Ordinance was posted and the Ordinance passed in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

#### **SECTION 7.** Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

**DULY PASSED and APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

Charles A. Teske, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Dobbs, City Administrator | City Secretary