

ORDINANCE NO. 94-1015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15: BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 15.16: BUILDING NUMBERING SYSTEM, SECTION 15.16.010: NUMBERING SYSTEM-MAP, OF THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, 1991

OREGON CITY MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

WHEREAS, the current Oregon City Municipal Code, Section 15.16.010(B) requires that the building or address numbers used on all structures be readily visible from the street; and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of this functional requirement, Code Section 15.16.010(B) requires that the figures designating the building or address number be no less than two inches in height; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon City Fire Department depends upon house address numbers to locate buildings for emergency responses and therefore requires highly visible building address numbers; and

WHEREAS, numbers that are two inches high are not visible from the street when such numbers are set back from the street by a standard sized front yard lot; and

WHEREAS, in most emergency response situations, the Oregon City Fire Department requires building and address numbers that are larger than the two inch minimum required by the current Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, fire companies in other nearby jurisdictions require address numbers be at least three and, in most cases, at least four inches in height so as to ensure their visibility from a vehicle situated in the street.

Now, therefore,

OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Title 15: BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, Chapter 15.16: BUILDING NUMBERING SYSTEM, Section 15.16.010(B), of the Oregon City Municipal Code, 1991, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.16.010 Numbering system--Map.

B. The numbers shall be printed on the building, or on metal or glass or a metallic figure used at the option of the owner, and so placed as to be readily seen from the street. The figures designating the number, whether painted or otherwise, shall contrast with their background and shall not be less than four inches in height.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 15th day of June, 1994, and the foregoing ordinance was finally enacted by the City Commission this 15th day of June, 1994.


JEAN K. ELLIOTT, City Recorder

ATTESTED to this 15th day of June, 1994.



DANIEL W. FOWLER, Mayor

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Effective Date: July 15, 1994



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COMMISSION REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

FOR AGENDA

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Ordinance Amending Title 15:
Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.16:
Building Numbering System, Section 15.16.010:
Numbering System-Map

Report No. 94-107

On the June 15, 1994 agenda is proposed Ordinance No. 94-1015 (copy attached) which amends the Municipal Code to require that building address numbers be a minimum of four inches (4") in height.

The Fire Department, after consulting with the Building Official and Principal Planner, is recommending that the City's standard for building numbering be changed to require 4-inch high numbers rather than the current 2-inch. The purpose of the change is to facilitate the delivery of all emergency services.

The present 2-inch height requirement for address numbers is not adequate. This 2-inch size is not readable or visible unless immediately at the street and difficult, even then, to be read from a moving vehicle.

Most new developments in the Oregon City area are using 4-inch or larger numbers on homes. The Clackamas County Fire Prevention Co-Op is requesting public use of a minimum 4-inch number when numbering property.

Notice of proposed Ordinance No. 94-1015 has been posted at City Hall, Municipal Elevator and Senior Center by direction of the City Recorder. It is recommended that first and second readings be approved for final enactment to become effective July 15, 1994.

CHARLES LEESON
City Manager

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Attach.
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Fire Chief