

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

IN RE: An Ordinance Establishing a Countywide)
Addressing System, Providing Procedures)
To Implement this Address System, and)
Establishing a Uniform Road Naming System.)

NO. 81-6
O R D I N A N C E
(AMENDED)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:

Section I - Title: Columbia County Rural Addressing System

Section II - Authority: ORS Chapter 215 empowers the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter, the Board, to define through an ordinance the procedures and requirements relating to the addressing of dwellings in the unincorporated areas of Columbia County, and to provide a uniform road naming system for Columbia County.

Section III - Purpose: The establishment of a countywide addressing system to provide for the systematic numbering of new and existing structures in the County and to provide emergency services, as well as interested individuals and businesses, the necessary information to locate dwellings by site address. The countywide addressing system will establish permanent mail delivery numbers and eliminate the problems associated with the route and box system.

Section IV - Exception: This ordinance does not pertain to the following areas within Columbia County:

- 4.01 The incorporated cities;
- 4.02 Sauvie Island; and
- 4.03 Any other area of the County where it is unfeasible to enact this ordinance.
- 4.04 The County may choose to not exercise the implementation of this ordinance within an established Urban Growth Boundary of any municipality in the County if the City and the County reach a mutual agreement to

address the lands within the Urban Growth Boundary in accordance with an established city numbering system.

Section V - Definitions:

- 5.01 County Grid System. A coordinate system established by this ordinance which covers all lands within Columbia County. The numbers in the grid system shall increase as they traverse north and east from their initial line at the rate of 1000 numbers per section.
- 5.02 Initial South Line. The initial south line is the south line of Sections 22, 23 and 24, Township 3 North, Range 2 West, W.M. This line is defined as the number 50,000 for the purposes of this County Grid System. The south to north numbers shall increase at the rate of 1000 numbers per section until they reach 84,000 at the north boundary of the County. This line will run the entire width of the County, west to east.
- 5.03 Initial West Line. The initial west line is the line between Township 4 North, Range 5 West, and Township 4 North, Range 6 West. The line runs the entire length of the County, south to north. This line is defined as number 10,000 for the purposes of the County Grid System. The west to east number shall increase at a rate of 1000 numbers per section until they reach 39,000 on the eastern boundary of the County.
- 5.04 Grid Lines. Grid lines run west to east and north to south for the entire length and width of the County. These lines will be used to assign the numerical portion of an address to a residence or other structure in the unincorporated county.
- 5.05 Address. An address shall be a "5" digit number and a road name. This address shall be measured at the location where the driveway intersects a county road, public way or private road. Addresses shall end in an even number on the south and east sides of a road and shall end in an odd number on the north and west sides of a road.
- 5.06 North-South Road. A road which runs predominately north-south. The addresses shall be numbered in accordance with the south to north grid which begins with 50,000 and runs consecutively to 84,000 at the rate of 1000 numbers per section.
- 5.07 East-West Road. A road which runs predominately west to east. The addresses on this road shall be numbered in accordance with the west to east grid which begins with 10,000 and runs consecutively to 39,000 at the rate of 1000 numbers per section.
- 5.08 County Road. A road which has a public right-of-way and is part of the county road maintenance system.
- 5.09 Private Road. A right-of-way created by easement under provisions of ORS 92.014, and not dedicated to the County or the public. This road is not part of the county road maintenance system.

- 5.10 Postal Delivery Area. The area in which mail is delivered from a single post office.
- 5.11 Public Way. A road dedicated to the County or the public but has not been accepted into the county road maintenance system.
- 5.12 Building Department. The Columbia County Building Department.
- 5.13 Planning Department. The Columbia County Planning Department.
- 5.14 Board. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

Section VI - Rural Address System.

- 6.01 The Columbia County Grid System established by this ordinance is the official address system for the unincorporated portions of Columbia County. The address of a residence, business or other structure requiring an address, is a "5" digit number taken from the County Grid System and road name.
- 6.02 This ordinance shall provide the framework for the process of establishing and maintaining the Columbia County Rural Address System. Existing homes and structures shall be numbered on a postal delivery area basis. When all numbers have been mapped and roads named in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, the Board shall establish the road names and implement the rural address system in that particular postal delivery area.
- 6.03 Notification of a Change. The County, in cooperation with the postal service, will notify the occupants of each postal delivery area of the proposed change in the address of their residence or structure at least six (6) weeks prior to the effective date.
- 6.04 The Planning Department shall coordinate the development of the maps for the Columbia County Grid System and shall work with the Building Department to keep these maps current.
- 6.05 Road Name. All roads in the County shall be named or renamed in accordance with the provision of Section VII of this ordinance.
- 6.06 Numbering of New Homes by the Building Department. When a building permit is issued for a new residence, commercial or industrial structure in an area of Columbia County in which the rural address system has been placed in effect, the Building Department shall assign the new structure an address, in accordance with its location on the maps of the Columbia County Grid System. The Building Department shall notify the Post Office, Fire District, Central Dispatch and any other appropriate agency of the new address.

Section VII - Road Names.

7.01 County Roads. The legal name of all county roads are hereby changed to match the road names established on the Road Index Map of Columbia County, Oregon prepared by the Oregon Department of Transportation in November of 1977. Any roads accepted into the county road system since this map was prepared shall be named with the name in which it was accepted. The Road Index Map is a part of this ordinance and is adopted by reference.

If there is a conflict between a county road name on the Road Index Map and the commonly used name or a road name previously established by the Board, the common name or the previously established name shall be used as the legal name of the county road. These names shall be part of any site specific amendments to this ordinance.

7.02 Conflicting Road Names. No two (2) roads in Columbia County may have the same name. The only exception to this requirement is county road names established by Section 7.01 of this ordinance.

7.03 Naming of Public Ways. Public ways shall be named with their dedicated name or the name in common usage by the residents of the area whenever possible. A public way shall only be named when it is actually being used as a road. Public ways not constructed shall not be named until such time as the construction of a road is within the existing right-of-way and is approved by the Board. At that time, the Board shall establish a name for the public way.

7.04 Naming of Private Roads. All private roads with three (3) or more houses shall be named in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. The Board shall establish a name for the private road.

7.05 Citizen Request for Road Name. The majority of the citizens living on a county road, public way or private road may petition the Board to name or rename the road on which they live. Upon acceptance of the petition, the Board may rename a road and may change the road name, so long as the change does not conflict with provisions of this ordinance.

7.05 Name of U.S. Highway 30. U.S. Highway 30 shall be named as follows:

- a) COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY from south county line to east city limits of Rainier.
- b) U.S. HIGHWAY 30 from west city limits of Rainier to the west Columbia County line.

Section VII - Severability: If any provision of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section IX - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances and/or Resolutions: All previously adopted ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict and no further, are hereby repealed.

Section X - Emergency Clause: That this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance takes effect on its adoption.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON THIS 4th DAY OF August, 1982.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Read in Full: 8/4/82

Read - Title Only: 8/4/82

VOTE: Commissioner Hunt aye nay
Commissioner Sahagian aye nay
Commissioner Ahlborn aye nay