

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

An Ordinance Establishing a Countywide Addressing System, Providing Procedures to Implement this Address System, and Establishing a Uniform Road Naming System

No. 81-6

ORDINANCE

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 permanent countywide addressing system that will allow for systematic numbering of new and existing structures in the county and will provide all emergency vehicles, as well as interested individuals and businesses, with the necessary information to locate dwellings by site address. The countywide addressing system will also establish permanent mail delivery numbers and eliminate the problems associated with a continually changing route and box system.

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

- 4.01 the area within any municipality within the county;
- 4.02 the Board may choose to exempt the Sauvie Island portion of the county, and any other portion which is unfeasible to enact this ordinance;

- 4.03 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. This exemption is intended to insure there is a minimum of confusion in these Urban Growth Boundaries in accordance with all the other applicable provisions of this ordinance.

Section V - Definitions: County Grid System.

- 5.01 County Grid System. A coordinate system which is established by this ordinance and 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, often at the approval of the Planning Commission 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 is established by this ordinance as the official address system for the unincorporated portions of Columbia County. All areas of the county shall be renumbered in such a manner 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 for 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 adopt an amendment to this ordinance, establishing the road names and implementing 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 the 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. Whenever 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 by amendment to this ordinance, 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 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 road 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 are 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 as an amendment to this ordinance.
- 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 Columbia County Planning Commission shall recommend road names to the Board as part of the approval of any new roads created under the provisions of ORS 92.014. At that time the Board shall establish a name for the public way as an amendment to this ordinance.
- 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. The Board shall hold a public hearing for an amendment to this ordinance for the purpose of renaming a road and may change the road name, so long as the amendment does not conflict with any appropriate provisions of this ordinance.
- 7.06 Names of Roads.

County roads may be designated as roads or highways.

Public ways may be designated as streets, drives or avenues, or as boulevards.

Private roads may be designated as loops, terraces, lanes, places, ways, or courts.

7.07 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 VIII - 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 - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the 90th day following the enactment hereof.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON, THIS 9th DAY OF September, 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Recording Secretary

Read in Full: August 26, 1981

Read - Title Only: September 9, 1981

VOTE:

Commissioner Hunt	<u>X</u> aye	___ nay
Commissioner Sahagian	<u>X</u> aye	___ nay
Commissioner Ahlborn	<u>X</u> aye	___ nay

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