

ORDINANCE NO. 9 _____

An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 7, Addressing, of Title 12, Development, of the Red Lodge Municipal Code

WHEREAS, accurate and consistent addressing is vital to the timely delivery of emergency services, and

WHEREAS, there currently exists numerous locations within the City of Red Lodge where the addressing does not conform with standards, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health and safety that addressing standards for the City be clearly defined and codified.

NOW, THEREFORE, Chapter 7, Title 12, is hereby adopted as follows:

Title 12, Development Chapter 7 Addressing

Section:

12-7-1: Short Title

12-7-2: Purpose

12-7-3: Definitions

12-7-1: Short Title.

This Chapter shall be known and cited as **ADDRESSING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA.**

12-7-2: Purpose.

It is the purpose of these regulations to standardize and codify the system for assigning and identifying the address of every property / structure within the City of Red Lodge.

12-7-3: Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section. Should there be any definitional conflicts between this Ordinance and the Zoning Code, now or in the future, for the specific purpose of addressing, the definitions within this Ordinance shall rule.

Alley: Currently an unnamed right-of-way that generally runs North-South and is intended primarily for direct access to the rear of properties for solid waste collection, and other such activities. Alleys may be named in the future; however only when consistent and in keeping with an overall City-wide Addressing program. Alleys are usually twenty (20) feet wide.

Avenue: Named right-of-way that generally runs North-South and is wide enough for two moving lanes, two parking lanes, tree lawns, and sidewalks. Avenues are usually Sixty (60) to Seventy (70) feet wide.

Row: Named right-of-way that generally runs North-South but is not wide enough to serve the purpose of an avenue or street. Rows were often originally platted as alleys but were re-designated to allow for addressing of lots that are not accessible via a passable avenue or street.

Street: Named or Numbered right-of-way that generally runs East-West and is wide enough for two moving lanes and two parking lanes. Streets are usually Sixty (60) feet wide.

12-7-4: Assignment of Addresses

A. Addresses shall be assigned to any property and / or habitable structure as appropriate by the Red Lodge Fire / Rescue Department, or their successors and assigns. When the City adopts an overall City-wide Addressing Plan, the assignment of addresses shall be consistent with the methodology set forth in the program. New addresses may be obtained at the Fire Hall, or other location which may be deemed appropriate in the future by the entity with issuing authority. Building permits for shall not be issued until an approved address has been obtained.

B. Addresses shall be assigned to one of the adjacent rights-of-way in the following order of priority: (e.g. if a property has an adjacent avenue and an adjacent street, the address will be assigned on the avenue.)

1. Avenue
2. Row
3. Street
4. Alley

C. Eleventh (11th) Street shall mark the division between North and South for Avenues, Alleys, and Rows that cross it. Address numbers will increase as you move further away from Eleventh (11th) Street.

D. Broadway Avenue shall mark the division between East and West for Streets that cross it. Street address numbers (when appropriate) will increase as you move further away from Broadway Avenue.

E. Directional indicators shall always be used before the name or number of the right-of-way. (e.g. South Haggin Ave., not Haggin Ave. South and East Eleventh Street, not Eleventh Street East.)

F. Any secondary structures or additional units on a property, which are habitable, regardless of their then current occupancy / ownership / lease status shall have a separate and distinguishable address.

12-7-5: Identification of Addresses

A. All occupied properties / structures that have a unique address must have the address number (or other indicator) marked in such a way that is clearly visible from the right-of-way indicated in the full address; and in a manner compliant with the overall City-wide Addressing program.

12- 7-6: Penalties.

A. The Red Lodge Police Department shall serve notice of noncompliance or cite the land owner(s) of any property in violation of any provision of this Title and Chapter as follows:

- 1st Offense – Written warning by the Red Lodge Police Department.
- 2nd Offense - \$50.00 fine.
- 3rd Offense - \$100.00 fine.
- 4th or subsequent offense within two-year period would constitute ‘maintaining a public nuisance’. MCA 45-8-111

Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after approval of a second reading by the Red Lodge City Council.

Be it ordained by the Council members of the City of Red Lodge.

First reading by the Council on the _____ day of _____ 2016.

Second reading by the Council on the _____ day of _____ 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY NO LESS THAN FOUR MEMBERS OF THE RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL
THIS _____ day of _____ 2016.

The City of Red Lodge

By: _____
Ed Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Loni Hanson, City Clerk