

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 55A OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED
“BUILDING NUMBERING SYSTEM”**

WHEREAS, uniform systems of identifying properties enable 911 emergency services dispatch personnel to efficiently coordinate emergency services and dispatch necessary personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Township currently lacks a uniform system of identifying properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds would be beneficial to establish a uniform system of identifying properties so that emergency services personnel, including police, fire, and rescue, can more efficiently and accurately respond to emergencies within the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55A of the Township Code entitled “Building Numbering System” is hereby established and shall read as follows:

§55A Numbering of Buildings.

55A-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the “Building Numbering Ordinance of the Township of Barnegat.”

55A-2. Purpose.

The purpose of these regulations is to require the clear display of authorized and assigned house or building numbers on every building fronting or having access to any street in the Township of Barnegat in order to assist the general public and emergency services, public and private, in identifying any property in case of emergency or otherwise.

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55A-3. Applicability.

All residential, commercial, industrial or other structures erected or to be erected within the Township of Barnegat shall display identification numbers as provided herein and in accordance with specifications provided herein.

55A-4. Determination and assignment of house numbers.

- A.** House numbers shall be determined and assigned by the Township of Barnegat. The owner of any structure requiring a house number for which structure such a number has not been assigned as of the effective date of this chapter will be notified by the township when such number is assigned to said structure.

- B.** Whenever any person files an application with the Planning Board or Zoning Board to subdivide a parcel of property, the Board shall request the Township Zoning Officer to assign the house numbers of the proposed new lots. The applicant shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the Zoning Officer in determining the assignment of the house numbers for the applicant's subdivision. These costs shall be paid prior to the adoption of a resolution approving the application.

55A-5. Responsibility of owners.

The owner, occupant or lessee of each and every structure which now fronts or which may hereafter front upon any public or private street within the Township of Barnegat who has been assigned a house number prior to the effective date of this chapter shall, at his own expense, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this chapter, cause the authorized and assigned number of such structure to be permanently and conspicuously placed in accordance with the specifications set forth herein. Any owner who has not been assigned a number prior to the effective date of this chapter shall, within ninety (90) days after notice of assignment of such number, comply with the requirements of this section.

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55A-6. Number specifications.

- A.** In Arabic numerals.
- B.** A minimum height of three (3) inches for residential properties and a minimum height of six (6) inches for commercial properties.
- C.** Mounted in a secure fashion to the front wall or porch of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- D.** Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street and shall be reflective to light for visibility at night.
- E.** At least thirty (30) inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street upon which the building fronts.

55A-7. Placement on posts, rods or mailboxes.

If numbers affixed to the front of the building would not be visible from the street, regulations may be satisfied if the owner, occupant or lessee shall provide the Arabic numerals, as required by these regulations, upon a post, rod or other type of fixture of substantial nature or a mailbox at or near the frontage with the same number affixed thereof and so located upon the same, so that the number may be conspicuous and visible from the street upon which the building fronts. When the provisions of this section have been complied with, the owner, occupant or lessee of the house or building shall not be otherwise obligated to affix Arabic numerals to said house or building and shall be permitted, at his option, to utilize cursive numbers or no numbers at all upon the house or building.

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55A-8. Garden Apartments and Townhouse Condominium Complexes.

Garden apartment and townhouse condominium complexes shall provide such building and apartment numbers as are provided for in the regulations.

55A-9. Garden Apartments and Townhouse Condominium Complexes.

Any structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after the effective date of this chapter shall have the certificate of occupancy withheld until it is assigned a house number and said number is affixed to said structure in accordance with this chapter.

55A-10. Violations.

- A.** Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.), by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days or by community service of not more than ninety (90) days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment and community service as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.
- B.** The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to abatement summarily by a restraining order or injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat on the **4th day of May, 2021**, at **6:30 P.M.** and will be considered for second and final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the **1st day of June, 2021**, at **10:00 A.M.** at the Municipal Building located at 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

DONNA M. MANNO, RMC
Township Clerk

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CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify by my hand and seal that the foregoing Ordinance namely **Ordinance 2021-11** entitled Establishing Chapter 55A of the Township Code Entitled “Building Numbering System” was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Committee on the 4th day of May, 2021 and finally adopted after Public Hearing at a meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 1st day of June, 2021

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