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MEMORANDUM

To: Gates County Board of Commissioners

From: Lisa Cherry, Planning and Development

Subject: Public Hearing 9/18/2024

Date: September 11, 2024

Attached, please find the proposed Text Amendment for the Public Hearing Scheduled for the September 18, 2024, Regular Meeting. This is for Title XV Chapter 152 §152.051 of the Land Use Ordinance for Gates County.

§ 152.\$) %SUBDIVISION - STREET NAMES AND ADDRESS NUMBERS

(A) SUBDIVISION NAMES

Every subdivision shall be given a name that shall not duplicate or be similar to that of any other subdivision existing or previously planned within the County’s planning jurisdiction.

(B) STREET NAMES

The County Planning Board shall have the authority to approve private road names. Public road names shall be named by the Gates County Board of Commissioners in accordance with G.S 153A-239.1.

(C) ADDRESS NUMBERS

(1) PURPOSE

The purpose and intent of this subchapter is to provide a uniform system of road and street addresses for all properties and buildings throughout the county in order to facilitate provision of adequate public safety and emergency response service and to minimize difficulty in locating properties and buildings for public service agencies and the general public.

(2) DEFINITIONS

- (a) For the purpose of this section, the definitions in §152.101 shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.
- (b) Except as specifically set forth in this section, the definitions in §152.101 shall govern the meaning of words and phrases in this section.

(3) ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

- (a) The Address Program Administrator will be responsible for the interpretation and administration of this section, including:
 1. Assigning all numbers for properties and buildings;
 2. Maintaining address records of each property and building;
 3. Recommending change of existing addresses when necessary, to facilitate sequential house numbers along a road;
 4. Designating individual unit addresses within multiple housing units in conformity; and
 5. Assisting the public in complying with the requirements of this section.
- (b) The Addressing Map shall be kept by the Gates County Planning Department and stored as a digital county GIS layer. This map will be maintained and updated in data processing storage systems.
- (c) All roads that are officially designated on the Addressing Map whether public or private shall be numbered uniformly and consecutively along the roadway centerline. Numbers shall be assigned along the entirety of all named thoroughfares.
- (d) A set of numbers consisting of a one-, two-, three-, or four-digit sequential number - called an address number, may regularly be assigned at intervals of 26.4 feet or at an alternate, predetermined set distance along a roadway centerline. Addresses will be assigned at the point of access (driveway) or to a structure point along the front of the structure. Odd address numbers shall be assigned to the right side of the road by ascending numbers moving away from the origin point. Even address numbers shall be assigned to the left side of the road in a like manner. Addresses will be established as whole numbers and will not have fractions or decimals of a number.
- (e) All dead-end roads and cul-de-sacs shall begin with ascending numbers at the end connecting to another road.



- (f) The first potentially assignable address number of a given road may be the number 1, 2, 3, etc., or the number currently assigned by a municipal numbering system. Vanity addresses shall not be approved.
- (g) An even and an odd number may be available for addressing for every 26.4 feet of road frontage throughout the County. There may be potential for 100 lots per half mile. Note that 26.4 is an increment of a mile (1/2 mile = 2640 feet).
- (h) The road name of an address shall be the name of the road from which the structure is numbered.
- (i) Structures on corner lots shall be assigned an address number either from the road which intersects an addressable driveway to that structure, or from the road in which the main access or entrance to the structure is oriented. The number will be assigned using the method in Section (d) above and will be assigned in the manner which is most logical.

(4) DISPLAY OF ADDRESS NUMBERS

- (a) Every property owner of improved property shall purchase and display official address numbers. The following criteria must be used to properly display the number:
 1. Address numbers must be a minimum of three inches in height so as to be seen easily from the road.
 2. Numbers for multiple dwelling units and nonresidential buildings shall be at least six inches in height and shall be placed on the front of the building facing the road or on the end of the building nearest the road.
 3. Address numbers must be set on background of a contrasting color.
 4. On a corner lot, the house number should face the street named in the address.
 5. If a building is more than 75 feet from any road, the address number shall be displayed on a sign attached to a fence, gate, lawn stake, mailbox, or similar feature located near the edge of the road/right-of-way.
 6. Address numbers should be plain block numbers.
- (b) The Address Program Administrator will have the right to authorize and approve alternate methods of displaying house numbers which meet the intent of this subchapter when strict adherence to these standards cannot reasonably be met.

(5) ADDRESS NUMBER LIMIT

- (a) There will be only one address number assigned to a residential unit.
- (b) An address cannot be assigned to a structure not designed as a residence or business use. (including but not limited to sheds and outbuildings).
- (c) An address number cannot be assigned to a parcel without documented intent to construct, and therefore an empty parcel cannot be given an address.
- (d) There can be only one address number assigned per parcel, and an address number cannot be assigned to any parcel that has an address number assigned previously.

(6) OBTAINING AN ADDRESS NUMBER

A property owner in Gates County can obtain a "Gates County Address Request" Application form from the Gates County Planning Department or by visiting the Gates County website.



(7) NUMBERS FOR FUTURE BUILDINGS

All residential and business buildings erected after the adoption of this section shall be assigned a number in accordance with the property-numbering map, concurrently during the issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector. The landowner shall display address numbers in accordance with this section.

(D) ENFORCEMENT

No building permit shall be issued until an official number has been assigned for a lot. The record plat of any subdivision must show the address for each lot created or recorded.

