

Ordinance Amendment – Adopted February 3rd, 2005

6.9 E911 Address Signs

The City Council finds that for the purpose of providing proper protection of public and private property in the City of Garrison, it is essential to require visible approved addressing or identification for each separate public, residential, commercial or industrial building. All address signs in the City shall conform to the following conditions:

1. Each primary structure within the city limits shall be assigned an address. The list of addresses of all primary structures within the City shall be held by Crow Wing County.
2. Location, Size, and Shape
 - a. All owners or occupants of residential, commercial, and industrial structures within the City shall display their assigned address numbers on the outside of their primary structures, near the front door, for emergency purposes. The address number must be located on a primary structure surface facing the public road clearly visible from the road, address numbers shall be no smaller than four (4) inches and colors should be in strong contrast with background. No self-adhesive number appliques shall be used. Address signs can be purchased from and installed by Crow Wing County at a cost determined by Crow Wing County; those signs are acceptable but must be installed in locations that conform to this Ordinance.
 - b. In those cases where the principal building's address is obscured from view from the street of address by accessory buildings, trees, shrubbery or other visual obstruction, the numbers shall be displayed on the mailbox or a metal or wood post in numerals not less than 4 inches high, of a light reflective material and of a contrasting color to the background. In those cases where the principal building is obscured from the view from the street address and the residence does not have a mailbox, the numbers shall be displayed from a permanent mounting on the property, clearly visible from the street, displayed prominently in numerals not less than four (4) inches high of contrasting color to the background. Address signs can be purchased from and installed by Crow Wing County at a cost determined by Crow Wing County; those signs are acceptable but must be installed in locations that conform to this Ordinance. The post should be within ten (10) feet of the driveway and not farther from the road than the end of the right-of-way. The sign shall be perpendicular to the roadway. The bottom of the Address Sign shall be placed at a height that is no less than four (4) feet above the level of the surface of the road.
3. It shall be the duty of the owner or manager of every multiple dwelling building containing five or more rental units, and the owner or occupant of every individually owned dwelling unit in any such multiple unit building to properly identify each dwelling unit by attaching identification numbers on or adjacent to each entrance to the individual units. The owner or manager of any multiple dwelling building with common entrances containing five units or more, whether the units are rental or individually owned, shall provide signs, including directional arrows, easily identifying the location of each dwelling unit in the building. The signs shall be placed in an obvious location inside each entrance to the building as approved by the Fire Chief.
4. The occupant and owner of the primary structure shall be responsible for keeping its address numbers in good repair and clear of snow, dirt, debris, or other obstructions.

5. All owners of primary structures in the City shall comply with this ordinance within (180) one-hundred eighty days. All City licenses, applications and permits may be withheld from the owners or occupants of primary structures if the address is not placed or maintained in conformance with the ordinance.
6. Failure to comply with any section of this ordinance shall constitute a petty misdemeanor.
7. Any inconsistent Ordinances or parts thereof are hereby repealed and replaced with the provisions of this Ordinance.
8. This Ordinance shall be incorporated into the Garrison City Ordinance as Section 6.9.
9. This Ordinance shall become effective according to State Statute.