

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

WHEREAS the Borough of Johnsonburg (“the Borough” or “Johnsonburg”) is a duly created Borough, functioning under powers enumerated in the Borough Code as amended (8 Pa.C.S. §101 et. seq.), and maintaining its regular place of business at 100 Main Street in Johnsonburg, Elk County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS the Borough now desires to amend the Code of the Borough of Johnsonburg as outlined more fully below to provide for the regulations regarding street numbers;

WHEREAS the Borough intends to comply and has complied prior to adoption of this ordinance with all relevant public notice and public hearing requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, and the same is ordained following public hearing conducted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, at 4:00p.m. and held pursuant to public notice, that Code of the Borough of Johnsonburg is amended as follows:

### § \_\_\_\_-1 Title.

This article shall be known as the “Borough of Johnsonburg Street Number Ordinance.”

### § \_\_\_\_-2 Regulation.

The owners of all buildings or structure/property within the Borough to which street numbers have been assigned shall have the street number prominently displayed at all times in accordance with the following standards. For purposes of this chapter, a “street number” is an address established in accordance with the county-wide 911 Public Safety System, with reference to the adjacent road or street, assigned and given to a particular building or structure/property by the Elk County 911 Office and the United States Postal Service.

- A. Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have a street number displayed directly in front of the property. The street number may be affixed to a post or other existing building/structure.
- B. The street number shall be displayed such that it can be observed and is readable from the nearest public or private roadway.
- C. If a single building has multiple street numbers or apartment numbers such as a professional building or apartments, each unit/apartment’s street number shall be displayed in close proximity to the unit/apartment entrance. In the alternative, a building directory could be posted at the main entrance of the building. The office or apartment numbers of any units within the building must be clearly identified.
- D. The following specifications are not required however they are preferred:

- a. all numbers are to be in standard Arabic numerals, with script not less than four inches in height and not less than one-half inch in width.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_-3 Private Road Name Signs.**

The owner or owners of all private drives, roadways or easements used for vehicle access to multiple properties where the drives and roadways are not recognized as Borough roads and which are referenced in the address of structure/property owner whose residence or business abuts said private drives or roadways shall, in addition to the other requirements set forth in this chapter, install a sign which identifies the private road or private drive name as adopted by the Borough, with said signage to be placed at the entrance where the private road or private drive intersects with the public roadway, in such manner so as to be readily observable by persons traveling upon the public roadway, but not creating an obstruction to visibility of motorists.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_-4 Prohibited Activity.**

It shall be unlawful to cover, conceal, obstruct, destroy, remove, deface or vandalize any street number or road/street name sign or placard installed or displayed pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_-5 Enforcement.**

Once determined that a building or structure/property owner has not complied with the street numbering or road name signage regulations of this chapter, the Borough Council or its designated representative, with the Council's consent may pursue any of the following enforcement remedies:

- A. The Borough Council may provide written notice to the owners of the building or structure/property which has not been numbered in accordance with these regulations of the violation and the need to comply.
- B. In the event that a person persists in refusing to comply with these regulations despite notices to do so, the Borough Council may issue a written order directing the owners of the building or structure/property in violation of this chapter to comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter. Any person who is aggrieved by any order issued pursuant to this chapter may appeal to the Borough Council by filing a written notice of appeals to the office of the borough Secretary within 10 days of the date of the subject order or notice.
- C. In the event the structure/property owners fail or refuse to take any action in accordance with the notices and an order issued pursuant to this chapter, the Borough Council may

provide the signage, as necessary, in order to bring the structure/property owner into compliance with the standards promulgated in this chapter. The Borough may recover the cost of materials and labor for the purchase and installation of signage from the structure/property owners, reasonable administrative fees, interest or other charges allowed by law. In the event the owners of the subject structure/property fail to pay the loss of such installation as determined and approved, then the Borough may institute proceedings at law to collect the full cost, together with all penalties, interest, fees, and other charges which are authorized by applicable law, or may take action to assess these costs and charges against the premises and the owners thereof and collect same as a municipal lien or may take other action to collect these sums as may be permitted by law.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_ -6 Penalties**

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon being found liable therefor, pay a fine of not more than \$300, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings. If the penalty is not paid, the Borough shall initiate a civil action for collection in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of enforcement under this section, the Borough may enforce this chapter in equity in the Court of Common Pleas of Elk County.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_ -7 Enforcement**

The proper officers of the Borough are hereby authorized to take necessary and proper action to establish, implement and enforce the standardized system of structure/property address numbering and street/road name sign placement as provided for in this chapter and to comply with the requirements of the automatic location information needs of the Elk County Public Safety System.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_ -8 When effective.**

The provisions of this chapter shall become effective five days after enactment.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_ -9 Severability.**

Should any section, part or provision of this chapter be declared by appropriate authority to be unlawful or unconstitutional, all other terms, conditions, provisions and parts hereof, and of any code of which this chapter may be or may be considered to be part, shall continue in full force and effect as if the provision declared to be unlawful or unconstitutional had been omitted as of the date of final enactment hereof.

§ \_\_\_\_\_ - 10 Repealer.


All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Effective date: This Ordinance shall be effective 5 days after adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of April 2025, by the Borough of Johnsonburg at open meeting then convened, and following due advertisement of intent to adopt the same as required by the Borough Code:

  
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Alfred J. Maletto III, Chairperson

  
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Kyle Paget, Mayor

Attest:   
Rachel Kilhoffer, Secretary  
Johnsonburg Borough Council  
Board of Supervisors