

ORDINANCE NO. 84-166

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville as follows:

Section 1) Section 14-348 of Article XIV is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-348. Base lines; quarter sections, rectifying lines.**

- (a) Governor's Drive, West Clinton Avenue, East Clinton Avenue, Tollgate Road and Bankhead Parkway shall constitute the base line which will divide the city into northern and southern parts. Meridian Street, Jefferson Street, Madison Street and Whitesburg Drive shall be considered the base line which divides the city into east and west parts. The city will be divided into quarter sections: Northeast, southeast, northwest and southwest. Streets running predominantly north and south will be known as streets, and streets running predominantly east and west will be known as avenues. The suffix "northeast," "southeast," "northwest" or "southwest" will become a part of the street name.
- (b) Each building north of West Clinton Avenue, East Clinton Avenue, Toll Gate Road and Bankhead Parkway, and facing a street running in a northerly direction, shall carry a number and address indicating its location of said base line.
- (c) Each building south of the north-south base line and facing a street running in a southerly direction shall carry a number and address indicating its location south of said base line.
- (d) Each building east of Meridian Street, Jefferson Street, Madison Street and Whitesburg Drive, and facing a street running in an easterly direction, shall carry a number and address indicating its location east of said base line.
- (e) Each building west of Meridian Street, Jefferson Street, Madison Street and Whitesburg Drive, and facing a street running in a westerly direction, shall carry a number and address indicating its location west of said base line.
- (f) All buildings on diagonal streets shall be numbered the same as buildings on northerly and southerly streets if the diagonal runs more from the north to the south and the same rule shall apply on easterly and westerly streets if the diagonal runs more from the east to the west.
- (g) To insure uniform numbering to the outlying sections of the city, there are established what are known as rectifying lines. Rectifying lines are auxiliary base lines and correct or rectify nonconformity of block numbers caused by unequal lengths of blocks on different streets. All streets running south of Governor's Drive will commence with two thousand (2,000) block; all streets running west of Memorial Parkway will commence with two thousand (2,000) block; all streets running north of Oakwood Avenue will commence with two thousand (2,000) block; all streets running east of Andrew Jackson and California Street will commence with one thousand (1,000) block. These streets constitute the rectifying lines.

Section 2) Section 14-350 of Article XIV is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-350. Building numbers to be assigned; specifications; cost; posting.**

- (a) There shall be assigned to each house and building located on any street, avenue, alley or highway in the city, its respective number under the uniform system provided for in this article. When each house and building has been assigned its respective number, the owner shall place or cause to be placed upon each house or building and/or both sides of curb mounted mailbox controlled by him the number assigned under the uniform system provided for in this article.
- (b) Such numbers shall be placed or if missing, replaced within twenty (20) days after the assigning of the proper number. The cost of the numbers shall be paid for by the property owner.
- (c) The standard minimum height of numbers, for all houses and buildings, is three (3) inches. Single family and duplex dwellings built and approved for occupancy before May 1, 1984 may continue to use numbers 2 1/2 inches in height.
- (d) The numbers shall be conspicuously placed so that they can be seen plainly and be read from the street. Further:
  - 1) With single family duplex dwellings the numbers shall be placed immediately above, on or at the side of the door or alongside the pathway to the door, and/or both sides of a curb mounted mailbox.
  - 2) With multiple family dwellings the numbers shall be placed on the building face most visible from the parking area or street.
  - 3) With commercial buildings whose public entrance is visible from the street the numbers shall be placed above, on, or at the side of the door of each individual business. If no public entrance is visible from the street, the building will be numbered on the side(s) most visible from the street.
  - 4) Whenever any building is situated more than fifty (50) feet from the sidewalk line, the number of such building shall be conspicuously displayed on the owner's property at the sidewalk line, near the walk, driveway or common entrance to such building and upon the gate post, fence, post, both sides of a curb mounted mailbox, or other appropriate place so as to be easily describable from the sidewalk or street.
- e) All numbers shall be of a durable material with numbers in contrast to background color.

Section 3) Section 14-351 of Article XIV is hereby amended to read as follows:

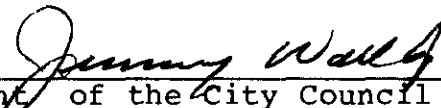
**Sec. 14-351. New buildings.**

Whenever any house, building or structure shall be erected or located in the city after the establishment of this uniform system of house and building numbering, in order to preserve the continuity and uniformity of numbers of the houses, buildings and structures, it shall be the duty of the owner or builder to get the proper number assigned by the Director of Transportation. Once the number has been assigned it is the responsibility of the owner or builder to procure the correct number, of a 3 inch minimum size, and to immediately fasten the said number, so assigned, upon said building as provided by this article. No building permit shall be issued for any house, building,

or structure until the owner has been assigned an official number by the Director of Transportation for the premises. Final approval of any structure erected, repaired, altered, or modified after May 1, 1984 shall be withheld by the Director of Inspection Services until permanent and proper numbers have been affixed to said structure.

Section 4) That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of April, 1984.

  
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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 12th day of April, 1984.

  
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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
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