# CITY OF LADONIA, FANNIN COUNTY TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2012-06-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LADONIA, TEXAS TO REQUIRE, REGULATE AND PRESCRIBE IDENTIFYING ADDRESS NUMBERS ON RESIDENCIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Ladonia and the Ladonia City Council strive to promote the safety and welfare of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ladonia provides water and sewer utility service to residents and public works employees must be able to identify houses by the service address; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Fannin County provide emergency services for residents, it is of paramount importance that all houses be identified by number and easily recognized by service personnel in vehicles on the streets.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADONIA, TEXAS:

# Section 1. HOUSE NUMBERING SYSTEM EMPLOYED

All houses and buildings within the City shall be numbered in accordance with the system used by the United States Postal Service for delivering mail and the 911 address coordinator for the County. The owner of the property, the occupant or agent shall be responsible for compliance herein.

#### Section 2. PLACING NUMBERS ON HOUSES

Every building or house must have, conspicuously placed to be easily visible from the street or road fronting the property, affixed the number address in Arabic numerals or alphabet letters on or near the front door of the house or part thereof to be identified, or shall cause the same to be neatly and legibly painted thereon. Such numbers shall contrast with their background, be of a neat design and not less than three inches (3") in height with a minimum one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch stroke width. Material must be durable. Reflective material or paint is recommended.

#### Section 3. REPLACING ILLEGIBLE NUMBERS WHEN REQUIRED

Whenever any number is put on a house in accordance with the requirements and the same shall afterwards become illegible, defaced, or shall in any way be destroyed it shall be replaced within ten (10) days after such occurrence by the person whose duty it is herein made to place said number there.

## Section 4. BUILDING ERECTED IN THE FUTURE

All houses and buildings that may be erected in this City in the future shall be numbered within ten (10) days after they are erected.

## Section 5. OTHER ORDINANCES REPEALED:

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

## Section 6. SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that Article 1.100 Section 1.107 of the Ladonia Code of Ordinances applies to this ordinance once approved, passed and published.

#### Section 8. PENALTY

Initial attempts for compliance may consist of door hangers, phone calls, informal notification, or formal notification by mail and will be utilized to encourage compliance before attempts at final penalty notification or Municipal Ordinance Violation Fine is implemented. After notification of owner, occupant, or agent by certified mail or regular mail and a grace period of thirty days to comply, the Penalty for failure to comply with this ordinance shall be imposed at \$1.00 per day for each day a house is without numbers.

#### Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 4th day of June, 2012.

Janis Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Russell, City Secretary