AN ORDINANCE FOR CHATHAM COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO HOUSE NUMBERING AND MOBILE HOME NUMBERING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

STANDARDS FOR POSTING OF ASSIGNED HOUSE NUMBER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Within ninety (90) days after receipt of this written notice from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, its agents or authorized contractor, of the assignment of or change of a number for any house, building, mobile home, apartment, or condominium complex, the owner of such property shall be required to post the number (including any letters) so assigned in an approved area on such property in accordance with the requirements of Subsections (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) below. In addition, any owner of any house, building, mobile home, or unit which has been previously assigned a number shall comply with Subsections (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E).

(A) The minimum height of the number(s) placed on a house, building, mobile home lot/site, or unit shall not be less than four (4) inches; however, the building number of an apartment townhouse or condominium complex also shall not be less than four (4) inches high, and shall be placed either in the approximate center of the building or on the street end of the building so that it is clearly visible from either the public or private street from which it is addressed.

(B) Numbers and letters of the assigned address shall be displayed in Arabic numerals and letters - not in script.

For example: Illustration for the address 123-B

123-B --- CORRECT

One Hundred Twenty-Three-B --- NOT CORRECT

(C) In the event a building is not visible for one hundred (100) feet from the public street or road on which it is addressed, or the lot on which the building is located is landscaped in such a manner that said numbers cannot be seen from the public street or road, the assigned building number shall also be posted on the property within a ten (10) foot perimeter of the entrance or driveway whereby the number is visible and readable from either direction of travel from the street or road on which it is addressed.

(D) A sign displaying the street address of a mobile home park shall be erected and displayed at the entrance of the mobile

home park. Individual mobile homes shall be marked in a uniform manner within the park by placement at or near the individual mobile home a pedestal or post, not less than three (3) feet nor higher than five (5) feet above ground level, containing the assigned number of the individual mobile home. Chatham County ordinances define "mobile home park" as "any plot of ground, or plots of ground, usually under single ownership, which has been planned and/or improved for the placement of more than three (3) mobile homes for dwelling and/or sleeping purposes."

(E) The color of the number(s) placed on a structure or pedestal shall be in contrast to the color scheme of the house, building, mobile home, or pedestal, so that the number is clearly visible and shall be maintained in a clearly visible manner. The Building Inspector shall not issue a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance until the assigned number is posted in accordance with this section.

(F) Following the posting of the assigned number(s) as required, the owner shall maintain such house or building number at all times in compliance with above standards. Building numbers shall not be obstructed from view by shrubs or vegetation as viewed from the public or private street from which the building is addressed.

(G) Violation of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor as provided by GS 14-4, and may be punishable as provided therein. Each day that the violation continues after the offending owner has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

(H) Notice of violation of this Ordinance sufficient to allow daily criminal penalties of Subsection (G) to be invoked may be given by the Chatham County Sheriff's Department. Such notice must be in writing to the owner of the dwelling or building and set forth what action is necessary in order for the offender to be in compliance with this Ordinance.

(I) This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 1993.

ATTEST:

Henry H. Dunlap, Jr.
Henry H. Dunlap, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Sandra B. Cape
Clerk to the Board