

ORDINANCE NO. 4775

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 06-048

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO STREET ADDRESSING; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1836; PROVIDING A BUILDING NUMBERING SYSTEM; PROVIDING A ROADWAY NAMING SYSTEM; REQUIRING THE POSTING OF BUILDING NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a uniform system for the addressing of buildings and the naming of roadways is essential to the timely and efficient provision of emergency services by public safety agencies and the convenience of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 1836 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The City of Lakeland Addressing Ordinance is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 1. Building Numbering System

(a) Except as provided below, all lots shall be addressed north and south from Main Street and east and west from Florida Avenue beginning with number 100 for the first block and designating the successive lots by successive numbers. On the north and south streets, south of Main Street, even numbers shall be on the east side and odd numbers on the west side; north of Main Street, they shall be reversed. On the east and west streets, west of Florida Avenue, even numbers shall be on the south side and odd numbers on the north side; east of Florida Avenue, they shall be reversed.

(b) Where any street runs diagonally, the system of numbering such streets shall conform as nearly as practicable to the same general plan, and if such street runs more northerly and southerly, it shall be numbered the same as a north and south street. If the street runs more easterly and westerly, it shall be numbered the same as an east and west street.

(c) Between Interstate Highway 4 on the north side and Alamo Drive on the south, Florida Avenue (Highway 37) lies on the line separating ranges 23 and 24. North and south of their points where Florida Avenue departs from such range line, numbers shall be assigned using the range line as the east/west dividing line instead of Florida Avenue.

(d) On property where buildings presently exist with numbers in proper succession and in accordance with the other requirements of this ordinance, no change in numbering shall be made. On property without numbers and on property with numbers not in proper succession, such a number shall be assigned or reassigned by the City Manager or his designee.

(e) In existing situations where one address is assigned to a residential or commercial complex and unit numbers assigned to individual units, such complex and its individual units must be clearly marked in accordance with this ordinance. Buildings and units may be renumbered as deemed necessary by the City Manager or his designee.

(f) All residential or commercial complexes developed after the passage of this ordinance shall have internally-named roadways as deemed appropriate by the City Manager or his designee. Buildings and units shall be numbered as deemed appropriate by the City Manager or his designee. All buildings and units shall be clearly marked in accordance with this ordinance.

(g) All address numbers hereafter issued shall be issued in accordance with this ordinance. The City Manager or his designee shall keep a record of the numbers so assigned.

Section 2. Roadway Naming System.

(a) All roadways named by the recording of plats containing such names or by the assignment of such names by other authorized means prior to the effective date of the Ordinance, including roadways within mobile home and RV parks and multiple building complexes, may retain their names unless the City Manager or his designee determines that such roadways need to be renamed.

(b) Roadway naming criteria: The following criteria shall be followed when naming a roadway:

(1) Duplicate names shall not be allowed within the addressing district. Use of a different roadway type does not change the fact that the name is a duplication. The exception to this policy will be when using the same name but different roadway types within the boundaries of a platted subdivision as deemed appropriate by the City Manager or his designee.

(2) Names that sound alike shall not be used.

(3) Roadway names shall contain no more than twenty (20) characters excluding the roadway type and no more than three words excluding the roadway type. No punctuation or special characters shall be used in roadway names.

(4) The roadway name shall not contain any word that is a type of direction.

(5) Directional indicators shall not be used on circle roadways.

(6) Names that are deemed offensive shall not be used.

(c) Roads may be named or renamed by the City Manager or his designee, or by the City Commission, as provided herein.

(d) As names are assigned to existing unnamed roadways and assigned to new roadways through the platting of subdivisions or other authorized means, such roadway names and new roadways shall be reviewed by the City Manager or his designee for conflict with the naming criteria in this ordinance.

(e) The City Manager or his designee may rename any roadway in the City of Lakeland if such renaming is necessary to avoid confusion, or to facilitate a timely response by emergency services. The changing of a directional or roadway type is not considered a renaming.

(f) If the City Manager or his designee initiates the naming or renaming process, all property owners who access their property by way of the roadway will be polled to determine a pool of possible roadway names.

(g) If a private roadway or private driveway naming or renaming is initiated by a property owner, the property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with adding or changing the roadway markers.

(h) The City Manager or his designee will petition all property owners who access their property by way of the roadway regarding the naming or renaming of the roadway, regardless of who initiates the naming or renaming process.

(i) A roadway naming or renaming initiated by the City Manager or his designee will require 50% plus one acceptance by the responding property owners who access their property by way of the roadway.

(j) A roadway naming or renaming initiated by a property owner will require 75% acceptance by the responding property owners who access their property by way of the roadway before the City Manager or his designee will proceed with the naming process.

(k) If none of the property owners respond to the petition, the City Manager or his designee may re-petition the owners, terminate the naming process, or set a public hearing to name or rename the roadway.

(l) **For a previously unnamed roadway:**

(1) If 75% of the responding property owners who access their property by way of a previously unnamed roadway vote to accept the new name initiated by a property owner, the City Manager or his designee will approve the roadway name without the need for the passage of a resolution by the City Commission.

(2) If 50% plus one of the responding property owners vote to accept the new name for a City-initiated naming, a resolution renaming the roadway will be presented to the City Commission for adoption.

(m) **For renaming a named roadway:**

(1) If 75% of the responding property owners who access their property by way of a named roadway vote to accept the new name initiated by a property owner, a resolution renaming the roadway will be presented to the City Commission for adoption.

(2) If 50% plus one of the responding property owners vote to accept the new name for a City-initiated renaming, a resolution renaming the roadway will be presented to the City Commission for adoption.

(n) When a roadway naming or renaming is initiated by the City Manager or his designee, a public hearing will nonetheless be scheduled if less than 50% plus one of the responding property owners who access their property by way of the roadway vote to accept the new name. The most popular of two petitioned roadway names will be the name brought before the City Commission at the public hearing.

(o) For purposes of this Ordinance, one vote shall be allowed per parcel regardless of the number of owners of the parcel.

Section 3. Posting of Building Numbers.

(a) No person shall use or display any street number to designate the location of any property owned or controlled by such person, unless such number has been assigned to such property by order of the City Manager or his designee. It shall be the joint responsibility of the owners and occupants of each residential or commercial structure in the City of Lakeland to post or display the assigned building number on or near such building in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The building number shall be displayed by permanently attaching the building number to the building front. In situations where the structure is not visible from the roadway, the building number shall also be permanently attached to a separate permanent structure such as a mailbox, post, wall, or fence, provided that such separate structure is clearly visible and the building number is legible from the roadway on which the building is addressed. The cost of the individual address numbers shall be the responsibility of the property owner and occupant.

(2) The building number shall be clearly visible and legible from the roadway on which the building is addressed and shall clearly identify the building to which it is assigned.

(3) The building number shall be displayed by the use of Arabic numerals of a height of at least three (3) inches and the numerals shall be of a color which contrasts with the color of the immediate background.

(4) The numbers used for the display of a building number shall be made of a durable weather-resistant material and shall be permanently affixed to their supporting structure.

(b) The owners and occupants of each building erected shall comply with this section as a prerequisite to obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

Section 4. Violations and penalties.

(a) The Code Enforcement Division shall have the authority and duty to investigate violations of this ordinance and to proceed against violators as provided by law.

(b) The Code Enforcement Board of the City shall have jurisdiction over violations of this Ordinance and may impose such penalties as provided by law.

SECTION 3. If any word, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance, for any reason, is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 5th day of September, A.D. 2006.

RALPH L. FLETCHER, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KELLY S. KOOS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: _____
TIMOTHY J. McCAUSLAND
CITY ATTORNEY