

**Ordinance No. 98-3**  
BOISE COUNTY STREET NAMING  
AND  
ADDRESS NUMBERING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BOISE, STATE OF IDAHO, DECLARING A STREET NAME AND ADDRESS SYSTEM.

Section 1. Short Title, Purpose and Applicability: This Ordinance shall be known as the Boise County Street Naming And Address Numbering Ordinance and shall rescind Ordinance 96-10 in its entirety. It is adopted for the purpose of providing a uniform street name and addressing milepost system to aid local emergency vehicles and utility companies and for the proper administration and enforcement of these systems. This Ordinance shall apply to all lands within the unincorporated areas of Boise County.

Section 2. Definitions.

Board	The Boise County Board of Commissioners.
Council	The City Councils of the Cities located in Boise County.
County	Boise County, State of Idaho.
Commission	The Boise County Planning and Zoning Commission.
Cul-de-sac	A dead-end street that provides a turnaround at its terminus.
Official Rural Addressing System Numbering Maps	The maps showing all of the roads within Boise County with the official address numbering grid system and address number ranges.
Official Road Name List	The list containing the official road names within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Boise County. Said list shall be composed of all road names having been given official recognition by the Board and the Councils.
Official Road Name Maps	The maps showing all of the roads within Boise County with the official name shown thereon.
Plat	A subdivision plat.
Private Road	A private access not dedicated to public use or maintained by Boise County. These can be PCU Collector, Local or Minor Roads as defined in Boise County Road Ordinance 96-11 or its successor.

- Public Road** Those vehicular travel ways with right-of-way owned by Boise County or dedicated to public use and maintained by Boise County. State Highways are also considered as Public Roads for purposes of this Ordinance.
- Road** A right-of-way for public or private use which provides vehicular and/or pedestrian access. Its designation includes the following terms: Avenue, Boulevard, Court, Drive, Place, Road, Parkway, Lane, Circle, Trail, Loop and Way.
- Shall** Shall means that the requirement is mandatory.

### Section 3. Approvals Required.

- A. Before any road is named, approval shall be obtained from the Board. Any address numbers shall be assigned and approved by the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department or its designee. Official road names shall be maintained on an Official Road Name Map and Official Road Name List filed in the office of the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department or a designee of the Board.
- B. If, in any instance, the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department or its designee fails to act or carry out its responsibilities according to the requirements contained herein, the Board may assume the duties of the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department, as herein specified.

### Section 4. Designation of Road Names.

- A. It is hereby established in the unincorporated areas of Boise County that the following rules and regulation for the naming of roads shall apply. The Board shall, by resolution, establish the Official Road Name List. Thereafter, all new roads shall be established in accord with the standards hereinafter set forth.
- B. The following standards shall be used in determining and approving road names:
1. There shall be no duplication of road names by sound or spelling in Boise County. Differentiation shall not be by the addition of suffixes, such as road, lane, etc.
  2. Names of future road dedications, whether public or private common use, shall be submitted by the person or agency proposing the road dedication to the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department as staff for the Board, subject to all provisions of this Ordinance.
  3. A proposed road shall be considered in general alignment with an existing road, if it is no farther than one hundred fifty feet (150') from centerline to centerline. Where a proposed road is in the same alignment as an existing road and is a continuation of that road, the name of the existing road shall be maintained with the appropriate designation.

4. Where a proposed road connects two (2) differently named roads located on the same alignment, the County shall designate the name of the proposed road, giving consideration to the length, collector status, period of usage and number of residents affected.
5. A cul-de-sac which has an overall length of more than one hundred feet (100') (as measured from the centerline of the principal road to the point of radius) shall carry a new name, and must be named in accordance with the provisions herein.
6. Both portions of an "L" shaped road shall carry the same name if either leg is one hundred feet (100') or less in length; all other L-shaped segments shall carry two (2) names.
7. In general, road names shall not be over ten (10) letters in length including spaces, unless otherwise approved by the Board. All road names shall conform to this limitation except where existing names are to be continued due to alignments. Road names should be easy to pronounce from their spelling. Esoteric names which are difficult to pronounce or spell shall not be accepted.
8. Any lack of compliance for the initial maps and road names adopted shall be permitted.

#### Section 5. Private Lanes:

- A. Applications for private road names shall be subject to approved by the County. Designated private road names shall be listed on the Official Road Name List. Private road names shall be in full compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. The County shall install and maintain private road signs within the public right of way and shall only install signs for those private roads which intersect public roads. The applicant will be charged a fee by the County to manufacture and install said signs. Required interior private road signs for mobile home courts, etc. shall not be installed or maintained by the County. In those cases, the applicant shall obtain the road signs from the County at a fee set by the Board and shall be responsible for their installation and maintenance. Private road signs shall conform to the standards of Section 7 E in both cases.

#### Section 6. Subdivisions:

- A. Proposed subdivision road names shall be shown on all preliminary and final subdivision plats when submitted to the Boise County Planning and Zoning Commission for review. No preliminary or final plat shall be approved until the road names have been reviewed and approved by the County, after being checked against the Official Road Name List for possible duplications or other violations of this ordinance.

- B. All half-roads or partial roads shall be named in accordance with the provisions of this
- C. No plat shall be approved by the Board for recording until all provisions of this Ordinance have been met.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of any subdivider creating a new road to finance the cost of installing said road name signs at each and every designated location. Road name signs shall conform to the County's sign specification requirements.

**Section 7. Changes in Road Names:**

- A. Where necessary or desirable, any person may make application to the County to change a road name. The County may also initiate a road name change at its sole discretion for reasons of duplication, similar pronunciation or spelling or for other reasons relating to public safety or convenience.
- B. In the case of road name changes necessitated due to duplication, similar pronunciation or spelling, the County shall determine the road name to be changed and select the new name to be used. The County shall take into consideration the number of existing addresses on the roads in question, the length of time each road has used the name in question, the date of the original dedication of said road(s), each road's compliance with this Ordinance and any other factor pertinent to resolving the similar pronunciation or spelling. No road name(s) may be changed until the proposed names have been checked against the Official Road Name Map and List and approved by the Board.
- C. The Board may be petitioned to change a road name by all property owners signing a petition to do so or the Board may hold a public hearing on this matter. If hearing is set, all property owners and residents having frontage on the affected road shall be notified by mail under the following procedures:
  - 1. The applicant shall submit a list of addresses of all dwellings located on the affected road to the County.
  - 2. The County shall mail notification to all affected residents and property owners and post on location.
  - 3. Failure of the County to mail notice to all residents and property owners in no way shall affect the validity of such procedures.
- D. All proposed changes to road names will consider inconvenience to residents and property owners in the area. All residents and property owners shall be mailed notification of the Board's final decision.

- E. All road name signs shall be located in such a manner as to be clearly visible to persons operating vehicles on the road. The minimum letter size shall be four inches (4") in height and placed on a six inch by variable length (6" x variable length) blank. Existing names exceeding the ten (10) letter length restriction shall use four inch (3") lettering, if deemed necessary by the Board. All signs shall be reflectorized lettering in addition to having contrasting colors. All public road signs shall be green. Private road signs shall be blue. All lettering shall be white. All road name signs shall have the names lettered on both sides and shall be positioned so that the name is visible from both directions of the road.

**Section 8. Road Address Numbering:**

- A. All road address numbers shall conform to the milepost system as much as possible which is shown on the Official Rural Addressing System Map approved by the Board. The general standards to be used in developing a road address milepost system are as follows:
  - 1. Federal and State Highways. Point of reference on these roads will be milepost markers. Individuals whose residence or business is adjacent to these roads will be numbered from the milepost markers to the nearest hundredth mile.
  - 2. County and Private Roads. Point of reference for these roads will be at the beginning point of the road. As with federal and state roads, the address for individuals located on these roads will be to the nearest hundredth mile.
- B. All address numbers located within the unincorporated and city impact areas of Boise County shall be assigned by the County. No other person or organization, public or private, shall assign any address number to any residence, business, industry or other use. Addresses located inside the city limits of Crouch, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho City and Placerville shall be issued by the appropriate city designee.

The following shall be used as a guide in assigning such address numbers by the County:

- 1. Only one number shall be assigned to each business, dwelling unit or other use.
- 2. Numbers shall be assigned to vacant lots within platted subdivisions and shall be assigned in such a manner that adequate numbers are reserved for possible future development or resubdivisions of such land.
- 3. All addresses shall be assigned on the road upon which the structures driveway for the structure originates.

4. All addresses located on the north and east sides of roads shall be even numbers. All addresses on the south and west sides of roads shall be odd numbers. These requirements may be varied in the case of meandering roads. When a road has been determined to be running in predominately one direction, the number shall not be changed if there is slight change in the road direction.
- C. Approved street address numbers shall be mounted or painted on all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the road fronting the property. Said numbers shall contrast with their background, be visible in the daytime and nighttime from the road, and be at least three and one-half inches (3 ½") in height. Where the building is not visible from the road, an additional address number shall be placed in a location near the driveway that is plainly visible and legible from the road. House numbers and plaques may be obtained from the Boise County Planning and Zoning Department at a cost set by the Board.
- D. Existing address numbers not in conformance with the Official Rural Addressing Map may be changed by order of the Board, giving official written notice at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of such change to property owners and those local agencies affected by such changes.

#### Section 9. Variances.

The standards and requirements of these regulations may be modified or varied by the Board, where the enforcement of the rules will result in extraordinary individual hardship, provided that the public interest is served and consistency is maintained. The applicant must specifically state the extraordinary hardship caused by the regulations and prove said variance will not cause an adverse effect to consistency of addressing throughout the County. In granting any such variance or modification, the Board may impose any conditions necessary, in order to secure substantial compliance with the general principles of this Ordinance.

#### Section 10. Fees:

Fees shall be required by the applicant or appellant as approve by resolution of the Board.

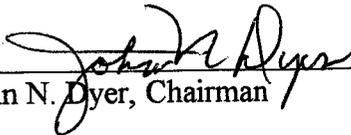
#### Section 11. Violations and Penalties.

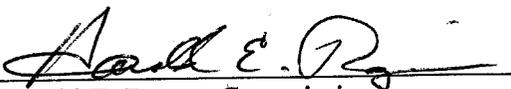
##### A. Violations:

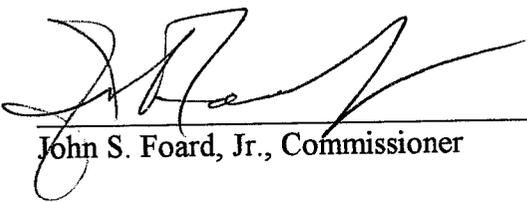
1. No person shall erect or install a road name sign which does not comply with this Ordinance.
2. No person shall remove, alter, change or otherwise deface a road name sign which exists in accord with the Official Rural Addressing System Map(s) and this Ordinance.
3. Failure to continuously display the approved number or address on a residence or business shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

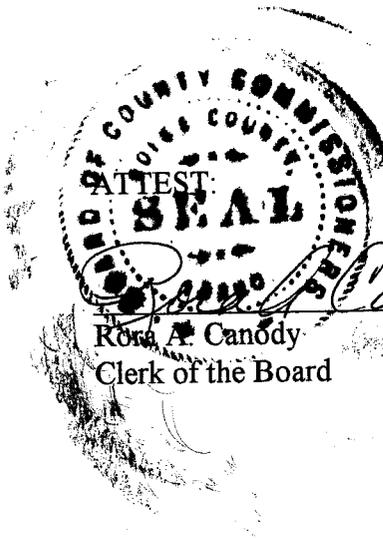
- B. Penalty: Each violation of these regulations shall be a misdemeanor, and for each day that it continues, each violation shall constitute a separate offense. Each violation shall be punishable as provided in section 18-113, Idaho Code.

REGULARLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Boise County, Idaho, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1997.

  
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John N. Dyer, Chairman

  
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Harold E. Raper, Commissioner

  
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John S. Foard, Jr., Commissioner

  
ATTEST:  
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Rora A. Canody  
Clerk of the Board

**COUNTY OF BOISE**  
**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.98-3**  
**BOISE COUNTY STREET NAMING AND ADDRESS NUMBERING ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF BOISE COUNTY, A POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A UNIFORM STREET NAME AND ADDRESS NUMBERING SYSTEM WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY TO AID LOCAL EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND UTILITY COMPANIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

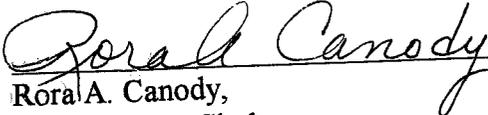
Ordinance 98-3, which recinds Ordinance 96-10, was passed by the Boise County Board of Commissioners October 13, 1997 and will take effect upon publication in the Idaho World. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection at the Boise County Courthouse, Idaho City, during normal working hours.

Rora A. Canody  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK**

I HEREBY CERTIFY pursuant to the provisions of S31-715A, Idaho Code, that the attached summary of Ordinance No.98-3 of Boise County, Idaho, is true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public of its contents.

ATTEST:

  
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Rora A. Canody,  
Boise County Clerk