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Looking for guidance on City Code: 150.02 (House numbers on Hoses)

Simple Fine vs Civil Penalty (Municipal Infraction \$750)?

Do we really have the manpower for city employee to go around and put house numbers on houses when it should be the home owner's responsibility to have this performed, or do we have a list of approved contractors to perform this operation?

My recommendation along with our previous City Attorney's (Nicole Cox) recommendations when this was brought before is to utilize what the City of Bloomfield already has in place and (or) modify our ordinance.

Ordinance Change:

Give the home owner 30 days to rectify the issue and have a house number affixed to the house.

Remove (City Employees) from the wording.

If within the set time frame the home owner fails to affix a house number on the home the home owner will be served with a Municipal Infraction (\$750) which is already in place in Ordinance 4.03.

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CHAPTER 150

BUILDING NUMBERING

150.01 Definitions

150.02 Owner Requirements

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150.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Owner" means the owner of the principal building.
2. "Principal building" means the main building on any lot or subdivision thereof.

150.02 OWNER REQUIREMENTS. Every owner shall comply with the following numbering requirements:

1. Obtain Building Number. The owner shall obtain the assigned number to the principal building from the Clerk.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3d])

2. Display Building Number. The owner shall place or cause to be installed and maintained on the principal building the assigned number in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than three (3) inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3d])

3. Failure to Comply. If an owner refuses to number a building as herein provided, or fails to do so for a period of thirty (30) days after being notified in writing by the City to do so, the City may proceed to place the assigned number on the principal building and assess the costs against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])

150.03 BUILDING NUMBERING PLAN. Building numbers shall be assigned in accordance with the building numbering plan on file in the office of the Clerk.