

ORDINANCE #14-2018
Amending
Chapter 95 – Buildings, Numbering of

§ 95-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter shall be to require the clear display of house numbers from public streets for all properties that contain principal buildings within the City of Margate City in order to assist the general public or the authorities in identifying any property in case of an emergency, as well as for the welfare of the general public in conducting their normal affairs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq.

§ 95-2. Display of numbers in conformity with Tax Maps Assessor required.

All dwelling houses, stores or other buildings erected within the City of Margate City shall display numbers in conformity with the street numbers on the Tax Maps of the City of Margate City as they appear on file in the office of the Tax Assessor of the City of Margate City.

§ 95-3. Assignment of numbers.

Said street numbers shall be assigned, ~~placed on the Tax Maps~~ and allotted to the owners of said lands by the Tax Assessor of the City or by such other person as may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. When assignment of a number takes place, ~~said numbers shall be placed upon the Official Map of the City of Margate City, and, thereafter,~~ all persons shall take due notice thereof and shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. Said Tax Assessor, or such other person as may be designated, shall also have the power and duty of correcting any errors with respect to assignment of said street numbers if and when they are discovered.

§ 95-4. Application for street number.

Every owner or occupant of said lands shall apply to the Tax Assessor, who shall furnish them with the correct street number assigned thereto.

§ 95-5. Numbering of subdivision lots.

The Tax Assessor shall be responsible for assigning proper number sequences to each lot which is created as the result of a subdivision or resubdivision. Said number shall be in proper municipal sequence in relation to the number assigned to other lots fronting on the same street and shall be properly recorded on the Tax Map of the City.

§ 95-6. Specifications.

In order to comply with this chapter **and with Section R319 of the International Residential Code 2015, New Jersey**, house numbers shall be Arabic in design, shall have a minimum height of ~~three~~ **four (4) inches, with a stroke width of not less than 0.5 inch (12.7 mm)** and shall be mounted in a secure fashion to the building's front wall or to a porch or other fixed appurtenance in front of the building in the general vicinity of the main entryway or main path of travel which leads to the main entrance from a public street or shall be otherwise separately mounted in an approved manner upon the face of a wall or upon a post in the front yard of the premises. Auxiliary numbers shall be mounted at a height between four feet and 10 feet upon the adjacent grade or exterior landing beneath, but never higher than 15 feet above the adjoining grade. They shall be sufficiently legible **and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background** ~~as to contrasting background,~~ arrangement, spacing, size and uniformity of integers so that the numbers may be read with ease during daylight hours by a person possessing at least 20/40 vision if he views the numbers from the center line of the abutting street. The numbers shall be so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the center of the street to any appreciable degree. **Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be view from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.**

§ 95-7. Authority for determining numbers; enforcement.

The final authority for determining and assigning the number or numbers to be used upon any particular property, as well as the enforcement of this chapter, shall be the office of the Tax Assessor of the City of Margate City, his agent or employee, or such other person as is provided for in § 95-3 of this chapter.

§ 95-8. Violations and penalties.

The absence of house numbers, the insecure fastening or absence of any integers thereof, the use of any number not assigned by the Tax Assessor, the attempt to comply by using the numbers on or attached to a mailbox or the failure of a number to meet the elevation requirement or the visibility requirement shall be considered a violation of this chapter. Failure on the part of the property owner to comply with the provisions of this chapter within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance of a


notice of violation shall be sufficient cause for the Tax Assessor or his designated representative to proceed with carrying out the provisions of this chapter, and, upon conviction thereof, the person shall be fined not more than \$25, at the discretion of the Judge. **Certificates of Occupancy shall not be issued without the address numbers as specified above.**



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