

RURAL FIRE NUMBER SIGNS

The Town of Verona replaced rural fire number signs in 2001 for all Town residents. The Town will install new signs for new home construction.

The Dane County Board on June 15, 2000 revised its Rural Numbering System Ordinance. The purpose of revising the Ordinance was to update rural numbering signs that could be more easily seen, especially at night.

Local EMS, Fire, and Police units indicated that many of the previously installed signs were missing, damaged, hidden by vegetation, or were not easily seen at night because the numbers were not reflective. The signs are made of highly reflective material, which allows emergency personnel to more easily locate businesses, homes, and farms when an emergency occurs.

The Ordinance:

1. Placement of the signs as stipulated by County Ordinance denotes that the sign shall be installed so that the numbers are perpendicular to the roadway. The post shall be within ten (10) feet of the driveway and not more than ten (10) feet from the right of way of the road. The post may be located on either side of the driveway. Height of the number shall not be less than 3 feet or more than 4 feet above the ground.
2. These signs should not be moved after they are placed. Section 76.10 (3) Dane County Ordinance provides that the **owner of the land** on which a numbering sign is located **shall be responsible** for the installation and **maintenance** of the number. (However, installation of new signs is done by the Town.)
3. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Dane County Ordinance 76.10 for any person to willfully disturb, remove, deface, or damage any sign erected or maintained under the provisions of this ordinance. Any person in violation shall be subject to a fine and any additional costs.

Should your sign become damaged, a new replacement sign can be obtained at cost from the Dane County Planning and Development Department, located in Room 116, City/County Building, located at 210 Martin Luther King Jr., Boulevard, Madison, Wisconsin 53709 [(608)266-4266].

Note: Compliance with the above is very important when providing emergency services. Beware that with “mutual aid” the first responders may not be local volunteers familiar with your neighborhood; they may be from a neighboring service that has the equipment and staff that are more readily available.

If you have a question regarding placement please call the Town of Verona Hall: (608) 845-7187.

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