

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLAYPOOL, INDIANA, REQUIRING THE
DISPLAY OF STREET ADDRESS NUMBERS ON COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Claypool, Indiana, finds that clearly visible building numbers are essential for the prompt and efficient delivery of emergency services, public utilities, and mail delivery; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-3-4 grants municipalities the authority to adopt ordinances for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to implement a uniform requirement for the display of house numbers on all commercial and residential structures within town limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Claypool, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- **"Structure"** shall mean any dwelling, house, commercial or residential building intended for human habitation or business use.
- **"Front-facing side"** shall mean the exterior wall of the structure on which the front door is located and which faces a public street providing access to the property.
- **"Visible from the street"** shall mean plainly legible and unobstructed to a person's view from the public right-of-way and from a distance of not less than 50 feet, during daylight hours.

SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS

1. All commercial and residential structures located within the corporate limits of the Town of Claypool shall display the numerical address of the property.
2. The building number must be affixed to the side of the structure that faces the public street which provides the address to the property.
3. House numbers shall:
 - o Be no less than 3 inches in height,

- Be of a color contrasting with the background surface,
- Be permanently affixed or mounted,
- Be maintained in good condition, and
- Be **readily visible from the street.**

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

1. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the **Town Marshal or his Deputies**.
2. Upon determination of a violation, the property owner shall be issued a **written notice of noncompliance**, providing **fourteen (14) calendar days** to bring the property into compliance without penalty.
3. If the property remains noncompliant after the initial 14-day notice period, the property owner shall be fined **\$25.00 per week** for the first two weeks of noncompliance. If the property remains noncompliant with this ordinance, the fines shall be \$50 per week until the property is brought into compliance.
4. All fines collected shall be deposited into the general fund of the Town of Claypool.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect **thirty (30) days** after its adoption and proper publication, as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Claypool, Indiana, on this 20 day of January, 2025. 2026

Ben Stage
Ben Stage, Council President

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