

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 135

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION DISTRICT FOR THE SOUTH BEACH (GRAYLAND, NORTH COVE, AND TOKELAND VICINITY) AREA OF UNINCORPORATED PACIFIC COUNTY, ESTABLISHING AN ADDRESSING SYSTEM WITH BUILDING, ROAD, RENTAL UNIT, AND COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION FOR USE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND SETTING FORTH ADMINISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS WITH FEES AND PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, in passing Chapter 54, Washington Laws, 1991, the State Legislature found that a state-wide emergency communications network of enhanced 911 telephone service allowing immediate display of a caller's identification and location would save lives and serve to further the safety, health, and welfare of the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, an addressing system with unique and concise road names which provides uniformity in the designation of ways-of-travel, properties, and buildings that is formally established and properly implemented, maintained, and enforced is necessary to determine an individual caller's location; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 82.14B, RCW, in lieu of providing county-wide systems of emergency service communications, authorizes county legislative authorities to establish less than county-wide emergency service communications districts within their counties for the purpose of providing and funding emergency service communication systems; and

WHEREAS, the following to facts are found to be true and relevant:

- A. Pacific County is not yet prepared to provide a county-wide enhanced 911 emergency service communications system or to formally establish and properly implement, maintain, and enforce an addressing system for all the unincorporated area.
- B. An emergency service (911) communications system serving the South Beach (Grayland, North Cove, and Tokeland) vicinity of Pacific County has been provided for many years, initially by the City of Westport and since then, by Grays Harbor (E-911) Communications Center (GHCC) via contract with Pacific County Fire Protection District #5 and Pacific County.
- C. Area residents have expressed their desires to continue with the emergency services relationships implemented years ago with, and afforded to, the portions of the South Beach vicinity within Grays Harbor County.
- D. Police, fire, medical, and other emergency service delivery as well as the public's health, safety, welfare, and convenience

might be jeopardized if the current emergency service communications system were discontinued.

- E. GHCC has notified Pacific County that it will discontinue serving this area December 31, 1993 if an addressing system meeting Enhanced 911 requirements is not formally established and properly implemented by Pacific County before that date.
- F. The vicinity's present addressing system was established and implemented several years ago by the area's telephone company and is still used by most of the residences and businesses.
- G. To assure unique and concise road names required by enhanced 911 emergency service communication systems:
 - a. Certain public road names must be changed due to excessive length or duplication in the same vicinity or nearby municipality.
 - b. A means must be established to identify private roads.
- H. Certain officials must be charged with the responsibility to properly implement, maintain, and enforce the addressing system, including road names, and allowed to authorize deviation from full compliance with this Ordinance in those situations where deviation is determined necessary to assure the success, integrity, and spirit of the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PACIFIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1 - EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION DISTRICT

- 1.1 An emergency service communication district (DISTRICT) is hereby established within the South Beach area of unincorporated Pacific County for the purpose of providing an emergency service (911) communication system for the Grayland, North Cove, and Tokeland vicinity.
- 1.2 The DISTRICT's boundaries will include that portion of Pacific County where telephone service is furnished by General Telephone Company (GTE).
- 1.3 The DISTRICT will be more commonly referred to as the "South Beach Communication District."
- 1.4 The DISTRICT will be a quasi-municipal corporation, shall constitute a body corporate, and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as well as all

other powers that may now or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute, including, but not limited to, the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, and to sue and be sued.

- 1.5 The county legislative authority (Board of Pacific County Commissioners) shall be the DISTRICT's governing body.
- 1.6 An advisory board may be appointed to serve without additional compensation and at the pleasure of the governing body. It will consist of a representative of the Pacific County Sheriff, Pacific County Fire Protection District #5, the South Beach Ambulance Service, the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency, and the Pacific County [Road] Engineer (ENGINEER).
- 1.7 The Pacific County Treasurer shall act as ex-officio treasurer of the DISTRICT.
- 1.8 The receipts from the county enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by Pacific County Ordinance No. 123 collected from DISTRICT telephone subscribers shall be utilized to subsidize costs of furnishing emergency service communications to the area.
- 1.9 The registered voters residing within the DISTRICT are the electors of the DISTRICT.

SECTION 2 - ADDRESSING SYSTEM

- 2.1 ADDRESSING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED/RECOGNIZED: The present addressing system, designed and implemented by GTE, is established/recognized as the physical addressing system within the DISTRICT.
- 2.2 ADDRESSING SYSTEM OUTLINED: Physical addresses begin at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 11 West, W.M. (in Grays Harbor County) and increase southerly to Willapa Bay and easterly through Tokeland.

Even numbers will be assigned to buildings facing the north and east sides of roads while buildings facing the south and west sides are assigned odd numbers.

Numerical designations are reserved every thirteen and two-tenths (13.2) feet, or four hundred (400) addresses per mile.

Physical addresses will be described in the following sequence: numerical building designation, road name, rental

unit (apartment, space, etc.) identifier, community, and State.

EXAMPLE: 413 Frosty Lane, Space 4, Tokeland, Washington

- 2.3 MAILING ADDRESS: Mailing addresses are assigned by the local United States Postmaster. Also, the postal community name may not be the same as the community name earlier mentioned that is assigned by the County as a part of the physical address.

SECTION 3 - BUILDING IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1 Buildings are structures serving as single- or multiple-family dwellings, businesses, public services, etc.. Minor structures near main buildings will be considered part of the main building.
- 3.2 Each building will be assigned a unique numerical designation according to subsection 2.2 of this Ordinance. The County will, by first class mail, notify each owner of their assigned road name and building identification number.
- 3.3 Building owners will conspicuously display their building's numerical designation so that it is legible from the access road by occupants of vehicles approaching from either direction. If not visible from the access road, the numerical designation will be displayed near the intersection of the access road and the road of origination. Numerals will be at least four (4) inches tall and of a contrasting color to the background.

SECTION 4 - ROAD IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 PUBLIC ROADS: Publicly-maintained roads will be identified by their official federal highway or state route numbers, or county road names on file with the ENGINEER. No public road shall have a "LANE" designation. A road identification sign will be placed at each road origin and major intersection.
- 4.2 NAME CHANGES: To reduce road name duplication, shorten road names, and eliminate the suffix designation "LANE" on existing county roads, the Pacific County road names listed in Appendix A will be changed as indicated.
- 4.3 PRIVATE ROADS: A private road is defined as a vehicle access route to property serving four (4) or more buildings owned by separate individuals. Every private road will be uniquely and concisely named with a "LANE" suffix designation. Private

road names will be added to the official Pacific County road maps and road name index maintained by the ENGINEER.

- (1) Existing private roads (created prior to the adoption of this Ordinance) will be assigned names by the ENGINEER. The County will erect and maintain road identification signs for existing private roads.
- (2) New private roads (created after the adoption of this Ordinance) will be named by the property owner and/or developer subject to the approval of the ENGINEER. Also, new private roads will be properly signed and maintained according to the requirements of the ENGINEER at the expense of the property owner and/or developer.

4.4 ROAD NAME ADDITIONS: To identify private roads for public safety and emergency services and the United States Postal Service, the road names listed in Appendix B will be added to the Pacific County Road Name Index.

4.5 OFFICIAL MAPS: The official Pacific County Rural Address maps for the DISTRICT showing all roads, public and private, with their names are hereby incorporated into and become a part of this Ordinance by this reference. The maps will be maintained current with a record of such maintenance by the ENGINEER, or his designee.

The official Rural Address maps will be available for public inspection or purchase at the office of the ENGINEER during regular business hours.

4.6 OFFICIAL ROAD INDEX: The official Pacific County Rural Road Index alphabetically listing all roads, public and private, within the DISTRICT with their general location (community) and the road which they originate from is hereby incorporated into and becomes a part of this Ordinance by this reference. The index will be maintained current with a record of such maintenance by the ENGINEER, or his designee.

The official Rural Road Index will be available for public inspection or purchase at the office of the ENGINEER during regular business hours.

SECTION 5 - RENTAL UNIT IDENTIFICATION

Property owners will be responsible for assuring the individual apartment, space, or unit identifiers are properly displayed where there are multiple dwelling rental units within a building, dwelling rental spaces and/or rental business units on a property,

etc.. Rental property owners will also be responsible for notifying each renter or lessee of the rental address.

SECTION 6 - COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1 Unincorporated Pacific County has been geographically divided into informal but common communities to assist the public safety and emergency service providers with identification of response areas. By using these communities, the impacts of establishing unique and concise road names will also be reduced.
- 6.2 The informal communities identified and designated for use within the DISTRICT are North Cove and Tokeland.

SECTION 7 - ADMINISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 With assistance from the advisory board (subsection 1.9), the DISTRICT's emergency service providers and GHCC, and the Pacific County Departments of Community Development and Public Works, the ENGINEER will be responsible for administering, maintaining, and enforcing the addressing system established by this Ordinance.
- 7.2 Before issuance of a permit to construct a new building within the DISTRICT and/or a request from a DISTRICT property owner, the ENGINEER or his designee will verify and/or assign a physical address in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Request applications will be received at the Courthouse office of the Department of Public Works. A fee of twenty dollars (\$20) will be assessed for each address verification and/or assignment application submitted.
- 7.3 Should the ENGINEER or his designee become aware that a building number or a sign for a new private road has become missing, illegible or incorrect, he/she will notify the property owner(s) in writing and require that the correction be made in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice.

SECTION 8 - VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES

- 8.1 Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance or failing to comply with any of its requirements shall be subject to an administrative penalty consisting of a fine levied by the ENGINEER or his designee in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

8.2 The administrative penalty may be appealed for review by the Board of County Commissioners. The accused party must file a written request for such appeal with the Clerk of the Board within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of fine.

SECTION 9 - SEVERABILITY

In the event that any section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall be for any reason declared invalid or held unconstitutional by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction, all other sections, paragraphs or parts shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 10 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance, upon its passage, shall be of full force and effective the 14th day of December, 1993.

PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the ___ day of December, 1993:

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Sullivan
Prosecuting Attorney
for Pacific County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

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Commissioner

Deputy

APPENDIX A

OLD NAME	NEW NAME	LOCATION	
Alder Street (Danielsons Tracts)	Cypress Street	North Cove	Duplication within North Cove
Alder Street (Seamobile Tracts)	Madrona Street	North Cove	Duplication within North Cove
Old State Route 105 North	Old State Route 105	North Cove	Shorten Name (is no Old 105 South)
Pacific Cranberry Valley Road	Cranberry Road	North Cove	Shorten Name
Pine Street (Seamobile Tracts)	Tamerack Street	North Cove	Duplication within North Cove
Seahurst Access Road	Seahurst Road	North Cove	Shorten Name
Spruce Street (Danielsons Tracts)	Juniper Street	North Cove	Duplication within North Cove
Mermaid Lane	Mermaid Drive	Tokeland	Lane reserved for private roads

APPENDIX B

NAME	LOCATIONS	
Panoramic Lane	North Cove	
Pfluestrasse Lane	North Cove	
Oregon Trail Lane	Tokeland	
Pine Lane	Tokeland	
Pomeroy Lane	Tokeland	
Romano Lane	Tokeland	

