

TOWNSHIP OF EAST EARL
ORDINANCE #189-2015

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST EARL,
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE
ASSIGNMENT OF BUILDING NUMBERS PURSUANT TO A
STANDARDIZED SYSTEM OF PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERING**

Whereas, East Earl Township, under the authority of Article XV, Section 1520, of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, as amended, 53 P.S. 66520, is empowered to require and regulate by ordinance the numbering of buildings; and

Whereas, East Earl Township, in order to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of East Earl Township, has recognized the need for emergency services personnel and others to quickly locate structures and buildings within the Township; and

Whereas, East Earl Township has determined that a uniform system of house and building numbering is necessary to preserve the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of East Earl Township.

NOW THEREFORE, East Earl Township, under, and by virtue of, and pursuant to the authority granted the by Second Class Township Code, hereby enacts and ordains the following:

Section 1. It is and it shall be the duty of each and every owner, trustee, lessee, agent, occupant, and possessor of each and every house, building, or other structure located in East Earl Township, whether on a public or private street or road, to cause the same to be numbered with its official building number assigned by East Earl Township. The number shall be permanently posted as set forth herein. All persons required to number existing houses, buildings, or other structures shall contact East Earl Township and secure an assigned building number.

Section 2. The building number shall be placed in a conspicuous place on or over the front door, on the front transom bar, front transom glass, or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance, or on a clearly visible mailbox, fence, post, mount, or other similar structure located upon the subject property. The number shall be of paint, metal, enamel, or vinyl, and the color of the number shall be in contrast to the immediate background. The individual numbers or letters for all (i) newly constructed buildings, (ii) buildings without numbers or letters as of the effective date of this Ordinance and (iii) existing buildings with numbers or letters built after January 1, 2010 shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters and shall

have a minimum height of four (4) inches each with minimum stroke width of one-half (1/2) inch each. The individual numbers or letters for all existing buildings with numbers or letters built before January 1, 2010 shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters and shall have a minimum height of three (3) inches each with a minimum stroke width of one-half (1/2) inch each. The number shall be in full view, so as to be identifiable and readable from the opposite side of the street or road. Any building number not affixed to a building shall be positioned such that snow, leaves, tree branches, or other such impediments shall not impair the visibility required by this Ordinance. Any buildings located more than fifty (50) feet from the point where the driveway providing access to the premises intersects with the public or private street shall display the building number at the intersection of the driveway with the public or private road. In the event that there are two (2) or more buildings sharing a single driveway which are located more than fifty (50) feet from the point where the driveway providing access to the buildings intersects with the public or private street, those buildings shall display the building numbers in two (2) conspicuous places, as follows: (a) at the intersection of the driveway with the public or private road; and (b) on the front of each building, both in accordance with the size and placement specifications required in this Section.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to cover any building number with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction tending to conceal such number, and all inaccurate, obsolete, or non-conforming numbers shall be removed from any house, building, or other structure when a new number has been assigned, or when so directed by the East Earl Township Zoning Officer.

Section 4. All persons required to number buildings, as set forth herein, shall number existing houses, buildings, or structures within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Ordinance. The owners of new buildings shall procure a number and official street or road name assignment as part of the normal building permit process. New buildings shall be numbered within thirty (30) days after completion of the structure.

Section 5. Any persons, firm or corporation who shall number or attempt to number any house, building, or structure contrary to this Ordinance and the plan hereby approved and adopted or who shall, within thirty (30) days of notification by the East Earl Township Zoning Officer, fail or neglect to number their house, building, or structure in accordance herewith, or who shall fail to change the number thereof or fail to remove the old number in cases of a number change, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and any person or persons who shall alter, deface, remove, or destroy any number required to be displayed by this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a criminal fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, the costs of prosecution, and reasonable attorney's fees, and, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. Each day's violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. In the event that any provision, section, sentence or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, as the provision are severable and would have been enacted had not such invalid provisions been included herein.

Section 7. All Ordinances or part of Ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE is duly enacted and ordained this 13th day of January, 2015, and shall become five (5) days after adoption and remain in force until modified, amended, or rescinded by East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST EARL TOWNSHIP

Connie J. Gross

Joe E. Shriver

Connie Gross, Secretary

By: _____
(Vice) Chairman