

ORDINANCE NO.: 2020-2  
TOWN OF RED CEDAR  
RURAL ADDRESS ORDINANCE

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Red Cedar, Dunn County, Wisconsin, as follows:

**Section 1 – Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to promote the orderly and logical identification of buildings within the Town of Red Cedar and to facilitate the location of residences and businesses by emergency service providers, mail delivery services, utilities, travelers and others dependent on addresses.

**Section 2 – Authority**

The Town Board of the Town of Red Cedar has the general authority under its Village powers under s. 60.22 Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

**Section 3 – Definitions – Without limitation, the following definitions apply herein:**

- A. “Address” means a physical number for each primary structure as assigned by the Dunn County Land Information Services Department.
- B. “Address sign” means an individual address plate placed on a named road or driveway identifying the street or location address of a building or location.
- C. “Application form” means the form required for assignment of a new address or a replacement rural address sign. The property owner or their agent shall complete and submit the form to the Dunn County Land Information Services Department.
- D. “Signpost” means a post, permanently affixed in the ground, used solely for display of the address sign.

**Section 4 – Address System**

- A. Address numbers shall be assigned by the county, based upon the existing address number grid of Dunn County. For information on obtaining an address and/or ordering and installing new or replacement rural address signage, call (715) 231-6545 or visit <https://www.co.dunn.wi.us/ruraladdressing>.
- B. Each principal building shall be assigned an address number based on where the driveway to the building intersects the named road.
- C. On properties where more than one principal building exists, each principal building shall be assigned an address number. In all situations which are not directly addressed in the foregoing language the address numbering system established by the county shall control as to the assigned address number.

**Section 5 – Installation and Maintenance**

- A. Installation. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to install the address sign and sign post as per the requirements of the Dunn County Land Information Services Department. A Rural Addressing Applicant FAQs sheet will be provided upon pick up of the address sign and sign post.

B. Maintenance. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the address sign and sign post including the clearing of vegetation and keeping the sign in a condition where it is easily visible and legible at any time and contacting the Dunn County Land Information Services Department to order a replacement sign if the sign is damaged or destroyed. Principal buildings that have been issued a zoning permit within the town require a site address number sign to provide for identification of buildings by all persons dependent on accurate address information. Property owners shall be responsible for the following:

1. Maintaining the area around address number signs so that shrubbery, trees, brush, weeds, snowbanks or other items do not obscure the visibility of the site address number sign.
2. Ensuring that sign itself remains free of dirt and snow.
3. Ensuring that nothing is attached to the site address number sign post other than the county-issued address number sign.

#### **Section 6 – Fees**

The application fee for a rural address sign is established by the Dunn County Land Information Department and may be amended by the department when deemed necessary. A property owner shall submit a completed application and the established fee to the Dunn County Land Information Department when requesting a rural address sign.

#### **Section 7 – Compliance and Enforcement**

In the event that the property owner does not install and/or maintain the required address sign and sign post, the Town will purchase and install the address sign and sign post at the owner's expense.

All costs incurred by the Town to install any address sign and sign post shall be billed to the property owner. Failure to pay the bill within 30 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 1 percent per month. Invoices that remain outstanding for more than 30 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge under s. 66.0627, Wis. Stat.

#### **Section 8 – Severability**

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance, be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, including all applicable appeals, the remaining provisions or application of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **Section 9 – Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

The foregoing Rural Address Ordinance was enacted by a majority vote of the Town Board of the Town of Red Cedar on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Robert F. Cook

Town Board Chairperson

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Supervisor 1

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Clerk



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### Historical Information

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