

Chapter 46

BUILDINGS, NUMBERING OF

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire prevention — See Ch. 58.
Property maintenance — See Ch. 93.

Subdivision — See Ch. 115.
Zoning — See Ch. 130.

§ 46-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PRINCIPAL BUILDING or DWELLING — The main structure upon an individual property. This shall not include any outbuildings or garage structures.

§ 46-2. Posting of street names.

- A. The Borough of Delmont will be responsible for the installation of all road signs upon public roads within the Borough of Delmont.
- B. Any change in the name of any private road, driveway or lane must be accepted by the Council of the Borough of Delmont prior to August 31, 2004. All name changes shall be submitted to Borough Council on a form supplied by the Borough Secretary which shall include the signatures of all property owners which adjoin the private road, driveway or lane. This form must be notarized before submission to Borough Council for acceptance.
- C. All private roads, driveways and/or lanes that are named and intersect a public road or street shall require a road sign. All requests for road signs shall be submitted to the Borough Secretary by the property owner on a form supplied by the Borough. The cost of the road sign, pole and placement of the road sign will be the responsibility of the property owner. Any signs requested by a property owner prior to August 31, 2004, will be provided for by the Borough and installed free of charge. Signs will be placed at the intersection of the private road, driveway and/or lane with the public road. The Borough will not install any street signs in an area that does not intersect with a public road.
- D. All public and private road names must be adopted at a public meeting of the Council of the Borough of Delmont to be officially accepted.

§ 46-3. Requirements of building addresses.

It shall be the duty of the owners of all principal buildings and dwellings within the Borough to post proper identification of such structures within 90 days of the enactment of this chapter and of all future owners of such structures to post proper identification prior to occupancy.

§ 46-4. Style of building addresses.

Said identification shall consist of the street number posted in numerals at least three inches in height with a minimum of ¼ inch in wide stroke. Numbers affixed to any structure may be of any color desired by the owner. Color must be distinct from background. Numbers upon any mailbox, post, sign or other structure adjacent to any street, driveway or land must be of a reflective material and color.

§ 46-5. Visibility and placement of building addresses.

- A. Visibility is defined by factors including, but not limited to, distinction from the background upon which the street number is posted, distance from the street, porches, trees, and other objects that may prohibit ease of recognition of the posted numbers from the street. Visibility shall also include the ability of emergency personnel (fire, police, ambulance) to use said posted number to identify the building or dwelling unit from the street to which the building is addressed.
- B. Said identification must be posted in a place where it is clearly visible from the street to which the building is addressed and must be posted in at least one of the following locations:
 - (1) Street numbers placed on or within three feet of either side of the door facing the street to which the building or dwelling is addressed, wherever most visible. If such placement is not possible or visible due to the features of the structure, said address may be posted on an alternate location, as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough, in similar proximity to the door, such as a porch post.
 - (2) Street number of a reflective material and color must be posted on both sides of the mailbox, or both sides of the mailbox post, on the same side of the street as the structure which it serves.
 - (3) Street number placed on a post, sign or similar object erected clearly in the front yard or to the side of the driveway and/or lane servicing said building or dwelling. Said street number shall be no more than eight feet above the ground and no less than three feet above the ground. Number must be of a reflective material and color visible and readable by vehicles approaching the property from both directions of the street.
- C. All structures sharing a common driveway and/or lane must post street numbers in the manner described in Subsection B(1). In addition, structures sharing a common driveway must also post street numbers in a manner described in either Subsection B(2) and/or (3) of this section.
- D. All structures which are not clearly visible from the road must post the street numbers in the manner described in Subsection B(2) and/or B(3) of this section.

- E. Buildings that contain units that do not face the street to which they are addressed, including but not limited to apartment buildings and office buildings, must post a building directory near the main entrance facing the street to which the units are addressed. Said directory may consist of a map showing the locations and numbers of said units. Owners must also post street addresses in a manner described in Subsection C of this section.

§ 46-6. Notice to conform.

- A. The Borough is hereby authorized and directed to give notice, by personal service or by United States mail, to the owner or occupant, or both, as the case may be, by certified mail, of any premises that remain in violation of the provisions of this chapter, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to conform with the requirements of this chapter within five days after issuance of such notice.

§ 46-7. Violations and penalties.

- A. In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated therein, the Borough authorities may post or have posted said identification, as aforesaid; the cost thereof, together with any additional payment authorized by law, may be collected by the Borough from such person, firm or corporation in the manner provided by law for the collection of municipal claims or by an action of assumpsit.
- B. Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before a District Justice having jurisdiction of the matter, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and costs of prosecution and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days, provided that each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense and neither notice to the offender of a single day's violation nor repeated notice of a continuing violation shall be necessary in order to constitute an offense.
- C. In addition to the other powers herein set forth for violation of this chapter, the Borough may institute proceedings in courts of equity.