

ORDINANCE # 2023- 3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION
ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that Title 15 Buildings and Construction is hereby amended to add **CHAPTER 15.13 NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS** as follows:

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15.13.010 - Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to require the clear display of authorized and assigned house or building numbers on every building fronting on any street in the Township Of Bass River in order to assist the general public and emergency services, public and private, in identifying any property in case of emergency or otherwise.

15.13.020 - Applicability

All residential, commercial, industrial or other structures erected or to be erected with the Township of Bass River shall display identification numbers as provided herein and in accordance with specifications provided herein.

15.13.030 - Numbering Required

The owner, occupant or lessee of each and every structure which now fronts or which may hereafter front upon any public or private street with in the Township of Bass River shall, at the owner's expense cause the authorized and assigned number of such structure to be permanently and conspicuously placed in accordance with the specifications set forth herein

15.13.040 -Specifications

House or building numbers shall be :

- A. In Arabic numerals.
- B. A minimum height of three inches

- C. Mounted in a secure fashion to the front wall or porch of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- D. Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street.
- E. At least 30 inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street upon which the building fronts.

15.13.050 - Placement of numbers on post, rod or mailbox.

- A. If numbers affixed to the front of the building would not be visible from the street as required by Section 15.13.040, the requirements of this chapter are satisfied if the owner, occupant or lessee shall provide the Arabic numbers as required by Section 15.13.040 upon a post, rod or other type of fixture of substantial nature or on a mailbox at or near the road frontage with the same number affixed thereon and so located upon the same so that the number may be conspicuous and visible from the street upon which the building fronts.
- B. Buildings with rural mailboxes shall have the official number displayed on both sides of the mailbox.
- C. Buildings and mailboxes clustered with others or on a street other than that on which the building fronts shall have the official street address displayed in one inch lettering on the front door of the mailbox
- D. When the provisions of this section have been complied with, the owner, occupant or lessee of the house or building shall not be otherwise obligated to affix Arabic numbers to said house or building and shall be permitted, at the owner's, occupant's or lessee's option, to utilize cursive numbers or no numbers at all upon the house or building.

15.13.060 - Determination and assignment of numbers.

House numbers shall be determined by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Bass River. Every owner, occupant or lessee of a building constructed or to be constructed in the Township of Bass River shall apply to the Tax Assessor if no number has been previously assigned for an authorized number in accordance with this chapter.

15.13.070 - Certificate of Occupancy withheld.

Any structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after the effective date of this chapter shall have the certificate of occupancy withheld until permanent and proper numbers have been affixed.

15.13.080 -Violations and penalties.

Any person, partnership or corporation violating any provision of this title shall, upon conviction, be punishable as provided in Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 1.08

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the Township Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from repeal, and shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and publication according to law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2023, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC/CMR

DEBORAH BUZBY-COPE, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Commissioners of the Township of Bass River at a meeting held on 6th day of February, 2023. The Ordinance will be considered for final adoption after a public hearing to be held at the Township of Bass River Town Hall located at North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey, on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.