

**TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 3
SERIES 2010**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, TO
REQUIRE THE DISPLAY OF PROPERTY NUMBERS ON BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt, Colorado does not have an ordinance or a municipal code provision that requires property numbers on buildings; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and ambulance responders are required to locate residences by address in order to serve the public in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a legal requirement for property numbers severely hampers first responders from providing a vital service at critical times: and

WHEREAS, the difficulty of locating a specific property in a timely manner may mean the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the emergency is that in recent history, first responders have had difficulty responding to calls for service because a house was not properly addressed. The health and safety of the public is therefore jeopardized if citizens are not required to place property numbers on buildings and therefore do not number their property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO THAT:**

Section 1. A new Section of Title 15, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.02 shall be enacted as follows:

Sec. 15.02.270. Property numbering.

A. All developed property within the Town limits shall be assigned a property number that is consistent with the adopted Town standard. Numbers will be used for addressing and property identification. These numbers shall progress along streets in a logical, consecutive and clear manner. All attempts shall be made to reduce confusion for property identification purposes.

B. All buildings within the Town limits shall display a Town-assigned number, placed on the building at time of construction and maintained throughout the existence of the structure. All property previously maintaining a County-assigned address shall adopt a Town-assigned number at the time of annexation to the Town.

C. The numbers shall be clear, legible, at least five (5) inches in height and placed upon the building and/or at the driveway or curbside access point of the property as to designate the front entrance of the building. If the entrance of the building does not face the street, the numbers shall be placed on the side of the building facing the street on the side of the building closest to

the entrance of the building. The numbers shall be in a conspicuous place and not obscured so that they can be read easily from the center of the street in the daytime. In addition, numbers shall be a contrasting color to the building in order to promote visibility at night.

D. If the owner or lessee of any building shall fail, refuse or neglect to place the number, or replace it when necessary, such owner or occupant shall be deemed guilty of a Class B misdemeanor offense. Such person shall have ten (10) days to comply or otherwise shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each subsequent day that the violation is committed or continued. Said offense shall be deemed to be one of strict liability.

Section 2. Ordinances heretofore passed and adopted by the Town of Silt are hereby repealed and clarified to the extent that said ordinance, or parts thereof are in compliance herewith.

Section 3. Town staff is directed to immediately publish and notify the public through correspondence with utility bills, newsletter, website, and the television access channel of the requirements of this Emergency Ordinance.

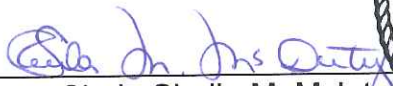
Section 4. In any section, subsection, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent, be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases and provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall remain in full force and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees hereby declares an emergency under Section 1-12 of the Home Rule Charter. The emergency exists because the Town of Silt must ensure that emergency first responders can fulfill their obligation to respond to calls for service in a precise and expedient manner. The purpose of this ordinance is strictly for the purpose of preserving public health or safety. Pursuant to the Town of Silt Home Rule Charter, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption, by the affirmative vote of every member of the Board of Trustees present or by affirmative votes equal to a quorum plus one (1), whichever is less.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING, after a public hearing, the 8th day of March 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Town of Silt Colorado.

PASSED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED as an emergency ordinance this 8th day of March, 2010.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk, Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC




Mayor David C. Moore