

Sec. 10-147. Uniform address signs for houses and buildings.

- (1) *Declaration of policy.* The town board finds that uniform address signs and the uniform location of such signage serves the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Yorkville by providing an efficient means for locating properties in the event of a necessary sheriff, fire, or other emergency response, as well as serving the interests of the traveling public.
- (2) *Uniform address signs required.* Uniform signs displaying a parcel's official address and meeting such specifications as are adopted by the board shall be installed on all improved parcels within the town. Such uniform address signs shall be obtained through the town building inspector and shall be installed by the town or its contractors. Except where the installation at such a location would be impossible or incompatible with the policy underlying uniform address signage, such uniform address signs shall be installed approximately fifteen feet to the right (as determined while facing the property from the road) of the driveway in the town's right-of-way, or at such other location as is designated by the town. In the event that multiple properties are serviced by a single driveway, the town shall install the uniform address signs for such properties in the manner it deems best suited to satisfy the policy underlying this section. After their installation, uniform address signs may not be removed or relocated without the written consent of the town, and each parcel owner shall be responsible for maintaining the parcel's uniform address sign in good and visible condition, including by removing any organic growth that would impede the sign's visibility from the road.
- (3) *Installation of signs for new addresses.* At the time of application for a building permit for a new or previously unimproved parcel, the parcel owner shall apply to the town building inspector for a uniform address sign for such property. At the time of application for a uniform address sign, the building inspector shall collect from the applicant the address sign fee set by the board, reflecting the town's costs of acquiring and installing a new address sign on such parcel. The town shall thereafter install, in conformance with the requirements of subsection (2), a uniform address sign on the property.
- (4) *Replacement of address signs.* Within 20 days after a uniform address sign is stolen, destroyed, or materially damaged (such determination, when in doubt, to be made by the town building inspector), the parcel owner shall apply for a replacement address sign with the town building inspector. The sign shall thereafter be replaced by the town at the parcel owner's expense. If the parcel owner fails to apply for a new sign within 20 days of the sign's removal or destruction, the condition shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated as provided in section 22-116.
- (5) *Destruction of address signs.* It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or to intentionally damage, or to intentionally cause to be damaged, any uniform address sign installed under this section. Any person convicted of so doing shall be fined not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$500.00, plus court costs and assessments. Each address sign so damaged shall constitute a separate violation.

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