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ORDINANCE NO. **10915**

AN ORDINANCE relating to addressing;
establishing authority and procedures for
road designations and redesignations;
address assignments and reassignments;
clarifying locational standards for
visibility of address numbers; amending
Ordinance 8766, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
and 10; and K.C.C. 16.08.010-.060, and
.090.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 8766, Section 1 and K.C.C. 16.08.010
are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to grant
~~((building and land development division))~~ the department of
development and environmental services, hereafter called the
~~((division))~~ department, the authority to assign road names and
numbers, and address the principal entrances of all buildings
or other uses in conformance with the grid system adopted by
King County Resolution 16622.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 8766, Section 3 and K.C.C. 16.08.020
are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Road designations and redesignations. A. Public or
private roads shall be designated within the guidelines of the
grid system as determined by the ~~((division))~~ department.

Named roads can only be assigned when the numbered grid is
determined infeasible by the ~~((division))~~ department. The
~~((division))~~ department may redesignate existing private and
county roads if such roads are determined to be inconsistent
with the surrounding road designation system.

B. All roads shall carry a geographic suffix or prefix.
Roads designated as avenues shall carry a geographic suffix and
be in a north-south direction, and roads designated as streets
shall carry a geographic prefix and be in an east-west
direction. Diagonal roads are treated as being either north-
south or east-west roads. Names such as lane, place, way,

1 court, and drive may be used on a road running either
2 direction.

3 C. Only entire street lengths or distinct major portions
4 of streets, as defined in K.C.C. 16.08.060, shall be separately
5 redesignated.

6 D. In determining the need for redesignation, the
7 department shall consider consistency with the provisions of
8 K.C.C. 16.08.020.A., the impact on existing businesses and
9 residences, and emergency services responsiveness.

10 E. Redesignations of county roads shall be accomplished
11 by the adoption of an ordinance directing such redesignation.

12 F. Notice of county road redesignations shall be mailed
13 by the department at least twenty days prior to the public
14 hearing on the ordinance to all property owners whose addresses
15 would be affected.

16 ((E))G. Appeals of designations and redesignations shall
17 be heard directly by the council.

18 SECTION 3. Ordinance 8766, Section 4 and K.C.C. 16.08.030
19 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

20 Building address((es)) assignments and reassignments. A.
21 The assignment of addresses for new buildings ((will)) shall
22 occur in conjunction with the issuance of a building permit.

23 B. The assignment of addresses shall be based on the
24 following criteria:

25 1. ((e)) Even numbers shall be used on the northerly side
26 of roads named as east-west and on the easterly side of roads
27 named as north-south.

28 2. Odd numbers shall be used on the southerly side of
29 roads named east-west and on the westerly side of roads named
30 as north-south. Addresses shall be assigned as whole numbers
31 only.

32 C. Should the ((division)) department find that any
33 building, structure, or premise is not provided with an
34 address, is not correctly addressed, or is not using the
35 assigned address, it shall notify the owner, agent, or renter

1 of the correct provisions of this section, by the effective
2 date shown upon the notice. It shall be unlawful for any
3 owner, agent, or renter to display, advertise, or use the wrong
4 address after notification by the ((division)) department.

5 D. In determining the need for address reassignment, the
6 department shall consider consistency with the provisions of
7 K.C.C. 16.08 030 (B), consistency with the addressing needs of
8 the area, and emergency services responsiveness.

9 E. Address reassignments shall be accomplished by
10 notification of the affected property owner by the department
11 at least twenty days prior to the effective date of the
12 reassignment.

13 SECTION 4. Ordinance 8766, Section 5 and K.C.C.
14 16.08.040 are each hereby amended as follows:

15 Uncertainty of road designations or addresses. Whenever
16 there is doubt or difference of opinion as to the correct road
17 designation or correct address, the road designation or address
18 shall be determined by the ((division)) department and shall be
19 guided by the specific provisions of this chapter or by rules
20 promulgated pursuant to K.C.C. 2.98 to carry out the intent of
21 this chapter.

22 SECTION 5. Ordinance 8766, Section 6 and K.C.C.
23 16.08.050 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

24 Maintenance. A. The owner, occupant, or renter of any
25 addressed building or other structure shall maintain the
26 address numbers in a conspicuous place over or near the
27 principal entrance or entrances. If said entrance(s) cannot be
28 easily seen from the nearest adjoining street, the address
29 numbers shall be placed ((or)) in such other conspicuous place
30 on said building or structure as is necessary for visually
31 locating such address numbers from the nearest adjoining
32 street.

33 B. If the addressed building or structure cannot be
34 easily seen or is greater than 50 feet from the nearest
35 adjoining street, the address numbers shall be placed on a

1 portion of the site that is clearly visible and no greater than
2 20 feet from the street.

3 ((B))C. The address numbers shall be easily legible
4 figures, not less than three inches high if a residential use
5 or individual multi-family unit, nor less than five inches high
6 if a commercial use. Numbers shall contrast with the color of
7 the ((~~building or~~) structure upon which they are placed, and
8 shall either be illuminated during periods of darkness, or be
9 reflective, so they are easily seen at night.

10 SECTION 6. Ordinance 8766, Section 10 and K.C.C.
11 16.08.060 are each hereby amended as follows:

12 Council redesignation of streets. A. Notwithstanding the
13 provisions of sections 16.08.010 and 16.08.020 of this chapter,
14 the county council reserves the option of changing street names
15 or changing numbered streets to named streets. Applications to
16 the council for street renaming shall contain the signatures of
17 the majority of persons having ownership in properties
18 addressed on the street to be renamed. Notice of proposed name
19 changes shall be mailed to all property owners whose addresses
20 would be changed at least twenty days prior to council action.
21 A change of street names shall be accomplished by the adoption
22 of an ordinance directing the change.

23 B. The council shall consider technical input from the
24 ((~~division~~) department, locational and development
25 characteristics relative to the street, and the impact of the
26 change on existing businesses and residences, as well as on
27 emergency vehicle responsiveness, in determining whether the
28 change should be made. Only entire street lengths or distinct
29 major portions of streets shall be separately renamed by the
30 county. For purposes of this chapter, "distinct major
31 portions" shall mean a separate portion of a street
32 identifiable by either a directional shift of a least forty-
33 five degrees or an interrupted interval of at least one quarter
34 mile.
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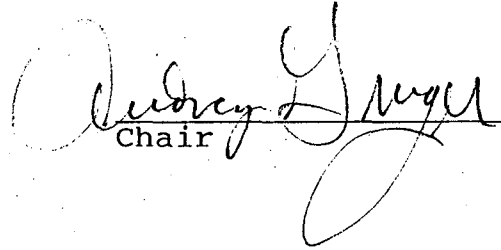
1 SECTION 7. Ordinance 8766, Section 7 and K.C.C. 16.08.090
2 are each hereby amended as follows:

3 Records. The ((division)) department shall maintain the
4 official record of current addresses.

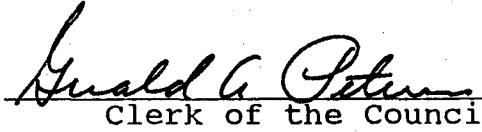
5 INTRODUCED and READ for the first time this 22nd
6 day of February, 1993.

7 PASSED this 28th day of June, 1993

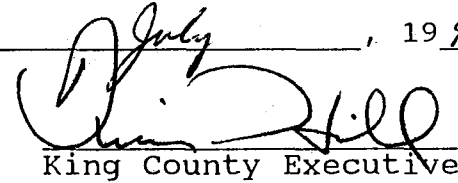
8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

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14 Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this 9th day of July, 1993

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17 King County Executive

18 Attachments: none
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