

TOWNSHIP OF EAST BETHLEHEM  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 95-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BETHLEHEM OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO AUTHORIZE, ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE A STANDARD SYSTEM OF STREET NAMES AND ADDRESS NUMBERING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION NEEDS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ENHANCED 9-1-1 SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 93-2 of the Township of East Bethlehem, County of Washington, Pennsylvania, dated March 11, 1993, the Township of East Bethlehem authorized participation in the Washington County Enhanced 9-1-1 system; and RESOLVED that the Township of East Bethlehem would assist county personnel, their agents or assigns, in resolving the problems of inadequate addresses in the Township of East Bethlehem for enhanced 9-1-1 by naming unnamed streets/roads, assigning resident/business address numbers where none exist, utilizing a standard form of lettering and numbering, eliminating duplicate addresses, and providing a list of other names to correlate to the official names.

WHEREAS, effective and meaningful participation in the Washington County Enhanced 9-1-1 system requires adoption by the Township of a standard system of assigning street names and proper property address numbering.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of East Bethlehem do hereby enact and ordain as follows:

1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the Uniform Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance.

2. Intent and Purpose. It has been determined that as a matter of public safety, it is in the best interest of the Township of East Bethlehem to participate in the county wide enhanced 9-1-1 system and in order to accomplish said participation it is required by the 9-1-1 providers that adequate address data be provided to 9-1-1 and that the Township of East Bethlehem cooperate with the 9-1-1 program by:

- A. naming unnamed streets and roads;
- B. assigning resident/business address numbers where none exist;
- C. utilizing a standard form of lettering and numbering;
- D. eliminating duplicate addresses; and

- E. providing a list of other unofficial street/road names to correlate to the official names.

3. A compilation of official maps of the Township of East Bethlehem identifying with particularity the name of each roadway, subdivision, street and alleyway within the Township of East Bethlehem has been prepared and upon adoption of this Ordinance the names referenced therein shall become the official name of that roadway, subdivision, street, or alleyway.

4. The official maps referenced in paragraph 3 above shall be filed with the East Bethlehem Township Police Department, the Township office, the Washington County Law Library and the Washington County Public Safety Department.

5. Each building to which a street number has been assigned shall have such number on a background of contrasting color and displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the public right-of-way (which shall include the marking of driveways or free-standing mailboxes where conditions necessitate). All numbers shall be in arabic numerals at least four inches high, one-half (1/2) inch (13mm) stroke.

6. It shall be the obligation of the owners of the property to which numbers are being assigned to comply with the standards set by this Ordinance as directed by the proper officers of the Township of East Bethlehem.

7. A properly verified copy of the address numbering system shall be reported and delivered by the municipality to proper officers of Washington County Enhanced 9-1-1.

8. Failure on the part of the property owner to comply with this Ordinance shall result in the following penalty:

- A. Imposition of a fine of not more than \$50.00 plus costs of prosecution;
- B. Each day for which there is non-compliance shall constitute a separate offense;
- C. However, any person or entity who has been charged with a violation under this ordinance may avoid prosecution by paying a fine of \$10.00 to the Township Secretary within 72 hours of the issuance of the citation. After 72 hours, the citation shall be sent to the District Justice for collection of the fine and costs.

9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final enactment and completion of legal advertising. Nevertheless, enforcement of Section 5 requiring street numbering of buildings shall be postponed for 60 days following notification having been made to the property owner of the assignment of a street number.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of East Bethlehem in lawful session assembled this 16th day of June, 1995.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST BETHLEHEM

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

Attest:

By *[Signature]*  
President, Board of Commissioners

*Susan L. Morgan*  
Township Secretary