

ORDINANCE NO. 01- 06

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF NUMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council of the City of Fort Gaines to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently provide City services and provide for emergency situations, it is necessary that each building within the City be designated by number as to the specific location of the particular house or building; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate and proper designation of numbers on each house or building within the City is in the best interest of the citizens of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fort Gaines as follows:

**Section 1. House and Building Numbering.** After a house or building has been assigned its respective number or numbers, or after a house or building has been designated a new number or numbers, the owner, occupant, or agent of any such house or building shall place or cause to be placed upon each house or building controlled by him the number or numbers assigned to such house or building under the system established by the City or its designee; and all incorrect numbers and numbers which do not conform with the provisions of this article shall simultaneously be removed.

**Section 2. Effective Date of Numbers.** All numbers assigned to houses and buildings shall be placed on such houses and buildings within 20 days after such numbers are assigned.

**Section 3. Cost of Numbers Responsibility of Property Owners; Height, Material of Numbers.** The cost of numbers shall be borne by the property owner. The number shall be not less than three inches in height and shall be made of a durable and clearly visible material.

**Section 4. Location of Numbers.** The numbers shall be conspicuously placed immediately above, on, or at the side of the proper door of each building or house so that the number can be seen plainly from the street line. Whenever any building or house is situated more than 50 feet from the street line, such number shall be placed near the walk, driveway, or common entrance to such building or house or upon a gatepost, fencepost, or other appropriate place so as to be easily discernible from the sidewalk.

**Section 5. Administration.** Upon application by any person to which this article applies requesting the correct property number of such person's property, the City or its designee shall provide that person with the correct number.

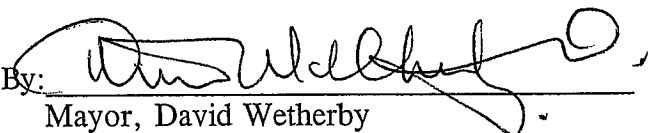
**Section 6. New Buildings: Numbers Required, Prerequisite to Issuance of Building Permit and Final Approval of Structure.** Whenever any house or building shall be erected or located in the City, the owner shall procure the correct number or numbers as designated by the City or its designee for the property and shall immediately fasten the number or numbers so assigned upon such house or building as provided by this article. A building permit shall not be issued for any house, building, or structure until the owner has procured from the City or its designee the official number of the premises. Final approval of any structure erected, repaired, or altered or modified shall be withheld by the building inspector for the City until permanent and proper numbers have been affixed to such structure.

**Section 7. Penalties.** Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or incarceration for not more than 180 days or both. Each day that the violation continues shall be a separate offense.

**Section 8. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts or ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

CITY OF FORT GAINES

By:   
Mayor, David Wetherby

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Attest:   
Clerk, Marion Griffin

1st reading: November 7, 2000

2nd reading: January 9, 2001