

ORDINANCE NUMBER 783

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALMA TO REQUIRE THAT ADDRESS NUMBERS BE DISPLAYED ON ALL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF ALMA

THE CITY OF ALMA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 12 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma is amended by the addition of Sections 12-1 through 12-6, to read as follows:

Sec. 12-1 Display of Address. Each building located within the city shall display an address number as hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 12-2 Height Specifications; illumination; additional permitted numbering. Within any residential zoning district at least one address number on each building shall be displayed in Arabic figures at least three inches tall but not more than twelve inches tall, made up of lines not less than one-half inch in width. Illumination is optional, but in no event shall any number other than the foregoing number be illuminated. In addition to the foregoing display, a secondary display of the address is permitted in Roman numerals, cursive, Old English type, or shadow type. Within any other zoning district at least one address number shall be displayed on each building. Alternatively, the address may be displayed on a ground sign. The address shall be displayed in Arabic figures at least three (3) inches tall.

Sec.12-3.Color and Contrast. The color of the address number shall contrast with the color of the building or, in the case of a non-residential zoning district the ground sign, upon which it is displayed.

Sec. 12-4. Display Specifications. Except as otherwise set forth below, and except for structures located in the Campus zoning district, the address number shall be displayed in a location which renders it readily readable and observable from the adjacent public right of way; unless there is no adjacent public right of way, in which case the address shall be visible to anyone approaching the main entrance of the building.

- a). When a building occupies a corner lot the address number shall be displayed on the side of the building which corresponds with the building's street address.
- b). The address number shall not be obscured by any tree, shrub, bush, or other growth.

Sec. 12-5.Setback. For buildings located more than 150 yards back from the public right of way, the address number shall be displayed upon a post or sign within 50 yards of the public right of way.

Sec. 12-6. Violation. Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, subjecting the owner or occupant of the building in violation to a civil fine as set forth in Chapter 30. Each day in violation constitutes a separate municipal civil infraction.

Section 2. Separability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force fifteen days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Passed and approved by the City Commission of the City of Alma, Michigan, in regular session, held December 8, 2015.

We, the undersigned, Mayor and Clerk of the City of Alma, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance, known as Ordinance No. 783 of the City of Alma, Michigan, was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Commission, held on November 10, 2015, and was thereafter passed at a regular meeting on December 8, 2015, at least two weeks elapsing between the introduction and the enactment.

Dated at Alma, Michigan, this 8th day of December 2015.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk

I, the undersigned, City Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 783 of the City of Alma, Michigan, is a true and compared copy of the original ordinance, now on file in my office, and of the whole thereof; that the same was published within 10 days from its adoption in the Morning Sun, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the City of Alma, Michigan, on December 11, 2015 and that the Affidavit of Publication thereof is now on file in my office and is a part of the original records pertaining to the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3 and 5.5 of Chapter V of the Charter of Alma, Michigan, the foregoing ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its enactment as aforesaid.

Dated December 11, 2015 at Alma, Michigan

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk