ORDINANCE NO. 2-93

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE AFFIXING AND MAINTAINING OF STREET ADDRESS NUMBERS UPON ALL BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALN

BE IT ORDAINED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WEST CALN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: APPLICABILITY.

This ordinance applies to all principal buildings within the Township of West Caln, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and each tract, lot or parcel of land situate within such township.

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

A. ACCESSORY BUILDING - A subordinate building, the use of which is customarily incidental to that of the principal building and is used for an accessory use and is located on the same lot.

B. PRINCIPAL BUILDING - Any building or structure erected on a tract, lot or parcel of land on which any use is carried out, except an accessory building. Including a dwelling, place of business or industry, or any other use requiring a location identity.

SECTION III: ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERS.

A. Street address numbers shall be assigned to

each principal building, tract, lot or parcel of land, placed on file in the West Caln Township office and assigned to the owners or occupants of such principal buildings, tract, lot or parcel of land by the Township Manager, or by such other person as may be designated by resolution of the West Caln Board of Supervisors. Once assigned, all such properties shall be designated for all purposes by the number assigned, and thereafter all persons shall take due notice thereof and comply with the provisions of this ordinance, when applicable.

B. The Township Manager or such other person as may be designated, shall have the power and duty to correct any errors with respect to assignment of street address numbers, as and when such errors are discovered or to change any numbers assigned to any property whenever the Board of Supervisors may deem such a change necessary and desirable, and require the owner or the occupant thereof to comply with the provisions of this ordinance with respect to such change.

SECTION IV: APPLICATION FOR STREET ADDRESS NUMBER.

The owner or occupant of each principal building, tract, lot or parcel of land to which no street address number has previously been assigned shall, upon purchase, acquisition or occupancy thereof or within seven (7) days of discovery that no such number has been assigned, make application to the Township Manager or his designated agent for assignment of a street address number, and the Township Manager shall assign a correct street address number to such property.

SECTION V: NUMBER OF SUBDIVISION LOT.

A. The Township Manager shall be responsible for assigning proper street address number sequences to each lot which is created as a result of a subdivision or resubdivision, such numbers shall be in proper municipal sequence in relation to the number assigned to other lots fronting on the same street and shall be properly recorded on the subdivision plan and the Township file. The decision of the Township manager or the Township Manager's authorized agent in connection with the assignment of such numbers shall be final.

B. When the assignment of street address numbers as required pursuant to Subsection A hereof has been completed and signed by the Township Manager, such numbers shall be appended to the final subdivision plan and thereby incorporated therein by reference. No subdivider shall sell, convey or otherwise permit the use or occupancy of any lot, dwelling unit, building or other structure upon a lot without first complying with all of the terms of this ordinance.

C. The requirements for application for street address numbers and display of such number shall be a condition precedent to the submission of any applications for a certificate of occupancy.

SECTION VI: SIZE AND LOCATION OF NUMBERS.

In order to comply with this ordinance, street address numbers shall be Arabic in design, have a minimum height of three (3) inches and shall be mounted in a secure fashion by one or

more of the approved manners of display set forth below. The numbers shall be sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing, size and uniformity of numerals so that the numbers may be read with ease during daylight hours by a person possession normal vision as viewed from the center line of the street facing the front of the property. The numbers shall be placed so that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not materially block the line of sight of the numbers from the center of the street. When required by this ordinance, auxiliary numbers shall be mounted at a height between four (4) feet and ten (10) feet upon the adjacent grade or exterior landing beneath, but never higher than fifteen (15) feet above adjoining grade.

APPROVED MANNERS OF DISPLAY.

A. Principal buildings with mailboxes at the end of driveways shall display numbers on both sides of the mailbox or support post. When mailboxes are placed on the opposite side of the facing street form the principal building, auxiliary numbers shall be provided in addition to mailbox numbers. When two or more mailboxes are placed side by side numbers shall be placed on the fronts of the mailboxes.

B. Principal buildings without mailboxes at the end of the driveways shall place numbers in the immediate vicinity of the main entrance or path of travel which leads to the main entrance and shall be visible from the center line of the street facing the front of the property.

C. Principal buildings with no mailboxes and driveways

in excess of two hundred (200) feet or principal buildings not visible from the street shall have a marker or post of noticeable size placed at the driveway entrance. If more than one principal building shares the driveway, then each principal building shall be so numbered. Principal buildings with shared driveways shall also display auxiliary numbers at or near the main entrance of the structure according to specification herein.

SECTION VII: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; ENFORCEMENT.

A. The absence of street numbers, or the insecure fastening or absence of any numeral thereof, or the use of any street number not assigned by the Township Manager, or the failure of a street address number to meet the elevation, size, location as provided in this ordinance shall be a violation of this ordinance. Upon discovery of such violation, a notice of violation shall be sent certified mail to the property or to the last known address of the occupant, or shall be posted in a prominent place upon the property by the Township Manager or his agent. Such notice shall specify the specific provision of this ordinance violated and shall require compliance with the provisions of this ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the service or posting of the notice of violation.

B. Any person who shall fail to comply with the notice of violation and who shall be convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance before any District Justice of the County, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00), together with the costs of prosecution or, in

default thereof, to imprisonment in the County prison for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

C. After the Township Manager shall send or post a notice of violation of the provisions of this ordinance and the expiration of fifteen (15) days thereafter, each day such violation shall be continued shall be deemed a separate offense subject to a like fine and penalty.

D. The Township Manager, or the Township Manager's designated agent, shall have the authority to bring proceedings to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enacted as by law provided.

Enacted this 13TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1993.

WEST CALN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman

Supervisor

Joseph Hess
Supervisor

Attest:

Secretary

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