RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27

COUNTY OF SANDERS, MONTANA
AMENDED ROAD NAMING AND RURAL ADDRESSING

WHEREAS Sanders County finds it to be in the interest of public safety and convenience that public roads and thoroughfares be designated by names; and properties be assigned addresses in the unincorporated portions of the county:

WHEREAS the county is desirous that road and thoroughfare names reflect the natural features and historical character of the local area:

WHEREAS the county finds it necessary that initial and on-going road naming and addressing be carried out in an orderly manner:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may designate road and thoroughfare names, and addresses under the authority of Title 7, Section 14, Part 2101 and 2102, M.C.A.:

THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of Sanders County does hereby resolve as follows:

I. Road and Thoroughfare names
   A. Objective – Names should be pleasant sounding, appropriate, and easy to read so that the public, particularly children, can easily use the name in an emergency situation.
   B. Criteria
      1. In general, names of roads and thoroughfares shall be based on the following, with the order of preference being the order in which they are given:
         a) commonly used if appropriate
         b) geographic or natural features
         c) man-made features
         d) historical features
         e) names based on a theme appropriate to the area

      Historical preference shall be given when considering family Or personal names and the oldest name utilized.

      2. The name of any road and thoroughfare 10 or more miles in length shall be based on
         a) geographic feature
         b) natural feature

c) man-made feature

3. Duplication of names is prohibited within the service area of the United States Post Office or of local public agencies such as fire and law enforcement departments. Duplication of names within the boundaries of Sanders County is strongly discouraged. Similar sounding names are considered to be duplications regardless of spelling. Names are considered duplications if they are the same or similar sounding even though their prefixes (example – North, Upper) or suffices (example – Drive, Road) are different. Exception to this is any designation under I.B.2.c. below, such as Lane, which adjoins a Route, Highway, Road, Trail, or Drive with the same name.

4. Continuity of road and thoroughfare designations shall be maintained wherever possible. In spite of minor directional variation or off-set intersections, in order to best orient and accommodate the traveling public.

5. No road and thoroughfare shall be continuously named on both sides of a designated baseline. Designated baselines include Highway 200, Highway 28, Highway 135, and Highway 156.

2. Affixes
   a) Unnecessary affixes are to be avoided.
   b) Terms that may be used to indicate direction are East, West, North, South.
   c) Terms that may be used to designate roads and thoroughfares are as follows:
      Route, Highway, Road, Trail, Drive – roads and Thoroughfares at least 1 mile in length, which preferably intersect at both ends with other roads and thoroughfares or which cross at least one road or thoroughfare prior to dead-ending;
      Lane, Way, Place, Court – roads less than 2 miles in length, preferably dead-ending but may cross another road prior to dead-ending;
      Circle, Loop – a road which returns to itself or its origin either in the same location due to a cul-de-sac, dead-end, or in a nearby location due to a circular or semi-circular pattern;
      Avenue, Street – thoroughfares within established communities which have a block pattern of development (avenues run north/south, streets run east/west).

C. Designation
   1. Designated road and thoroughfare names shall be on record

in the county courthouse.

2. Citizens may petition the Board of County Commissioners to change an existing road or thoroughfare name. Such a petition shall include the proposed name, reference to its origin or significance and shall be signed by 100% of the resident (residing in Sanders County) property owners with property adjoining the road or thoroughfare. Such petitions, if approved, shall be approved contingent upon payment of the current replacement cost of any and all road name signs previously installed by the county or its districts.
3. Any proposal to dedicate a road or thoroughfare to the county shall include a proposed name for the road or thoroughfare.
4. Any road or thoroughfare in a platted subdivision shall be named according to the criteria in this resolution.
5. Upon annexation of an unincorporated area, or incorporation of an area, road and thoroughfare names in that area shall no longer be authorized by the county.

II. Rural Addressing

A. Objective

Addresses shall be sequential, comparably ordered on parallel roads and thoroughfares, spaced to accommodate future growth, convenient to use and remember, and based on a county-wide system.

B. Criteria

1. a. The county-wide system shall be an equal-interval system. Designated baseline are: a) Highway 200; b) Lake County on East; c) Lake County on North. Each road mile from an intersecting baseline shall be allocated 100 addresses, 50 on each side, thus allowing two addresses every 105.6 feet, one on each side of the road or thoroughfare.

   b. Addresses shall begin with 0 at 0-point, at a baseline, or at the beginning of road or thoroughfare (example: the initial mile is addressed 0-99 and the subsequent mile is addressed 100-199).

   c. Properties which have primary access onto a road and thoroughfare, but are not adjacent to that road and thoroughfare when adequate distance along the road and thoroughfare is available to allow such addressing (52.8 ft per address). If adequate distance is not available, then in the case of one such property, a subordinate address may be assigned (example: 383 ½ Turner Road). In the case of more than one such property, the access shall be named and address assigned as outlined in II.B.1.b.

3. Highway 200, Highway 28, Highway 135, and Highway 56 and Highway 212 shall be addressed as outlined in II.B.1.b.
4. Even numbers shall be assigned to the right-hand side and odd numbers to the left hand side of the road or thoroughfare as determined by traveling in the direction of increasingly large numbers.

5. Locations at intersections shall be addressed on the road or thoroughfare, which is accessed by their driveway. In the case of multiple accesses on different roads, the resident shall select one, if possible, or the county shall designate and address.

C. Designation

1. Designated addresses shall be on record in the county courthouse. A map showing the addressing system and showing address designations for each mile shall also be available.
2. Any person who constructs or causes to be constructed a primary Structure such as a residence, business, commercial, storage, industrial building or establishment shall submit a completed "Application for a Rural Address" together with any required review fee which may be established by the Board of Commissioners.
3. An "Application for Rural Address" shall be submitted as soon as possible upon commencing construction of an establishment or structure but no later than 6 months after such construction is begun.
4. Upon a City's annexation of an unincorporated area, or incorporation of an area, addresses shall no longer be authorized by the county.

III. Road Sign Procedure

A. Objective

To facilitate the placement and standardization of road name signs along roads and thoroughfares within Sanders County, as well as to outline county policy regarding maintenance and placement of road name signs within Sanders County.

B. Criteria

1. Sanders County is responsible for the signing and maintenance of road name signs along all county maintained public roadways.
   a. The Sanders County Road Department shall prepare a prioritized list of all county roads which need a road name sign.
   b. It is the intent of Sanders County to have all county roads properly named and signed.
2. If a private access is to be signed, the individual land owners are responsible for the signing and maintenance of road name signs along their private drives, including setting the post.
   a. All private road signs placed within the county right of way shall conform to the county standards for road name signs.
   b. Private land owners shall select road names for their access which conform to the guidelines of this resolution.
   c. The individual land owners are responsible for all costs incurred on the signing of their access.
   d. The Sanders County Rural Addressing Department shall assist the individual land owners in the selection of road names.
   e. Sanders County may provide to individual land owners all necessary items required to place a sign. The land owner shall reimburse the county for the cost of all materials requested.

IV. Posting of Assigned Physical Addresses.

A. Objective

To assist in the location of structures by service industries as well as to provide a uniform county wide system for use by emergency services.

B. Criteria

1. The Sanders County Rural Addressing Department shall maintain a listing of physical addresses for structures within Sanders County.
2. This listing may be provided to service industries as long as the Addresses are not used as a subscription list by the business, and that the addresses are not sold or otherwise distributed to another entity, profit or non-profit.
3. The Sanders County Board of Commissioners strongly recommends that the owner of each structure post the assigned number of addresses where it is visible from the road surface.

V. This resolution is PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th day of August, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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