

ORDINANCE NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A GRID SYSTEM OF RURAL ADDRESSING, PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF ROADS AND THE NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS AND HOUSES, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF EVERY HOUSE AND OCCUPIED BUILDING IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE RURAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM TO DISPLAY AND MAINTAIN THE DISPLAY OF THE ADDRESS ASSIGNED, PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED PLACEMENT OR DISTURBANCE OF ADDRESS PLAQUES, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF.

WHEREAS, counties are granted the power to do all things necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health and improve the order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants. The Board of Quay County Commissioners may make and publish any ordinance to discharge these powers not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties.

WHEREAS, the Board of Quay County Commissioners has determined that in order to provide adequate and responsive emergency services to the inhabitants of Quay County, it is necessary to provide a uniform method of designation and identification of houses and other buildings in Quay County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the Board of Quay County Commissioners, that the County adopt an addressing system as follows:

1. Addressing: A "Grid System" of rural addressing, as described herein, below, shall be the approved method of addressing in the unincorporated areas of Quay County.

Addressing Method: "Grid System." All lots in platted and approved subdivisions, occupied and unoccupied homes and structures shall be numbered as follows: East and West tending roads shall be numbered according to their distance from the East section line. North and South tending roads shall be numbered according to their distance from the South section line. An address plaque will be placed at the driveway which accesses the property.

2. House Numbering Required: All lots in platted and approved subdivisions, occupied and unoccupied houses and structures in the unincorporated areas of Quay County shall be numbered.
3. Maps: The County shall keep an official map showing the number of each lot, occupied and unoccupied house, or structure in the unincorporated areas of Quay County. This map shall be available for viewing by the general public and copies may be obtained at the County Court-house for a reasonable fee.
4. Numbers at Property Access: It shall be the duty of the owner of every house and occupied structure in the unincorporated areas of Quay County to maintain the house number plaque and post which will be placed on the driveway by the County Clerk's Office during implementation of Rural Addressing or replace with plaque of like kind. All plaques and posts obtained after the implementation phase, shall be furnished at the expense of the owner of the property. If available, replacement plaques may be purchased through the County Clerk's Office. After implementation, it shall be the duty of the owner of every house and structure to have placed upon their property, in a location visible from the county road upon which such house or structure fronts or is provided access, and in such a manner as prescribed, the assigned number of the house or structure.

Prescribed Manner: Plaque numbers shall be at least three (3) inches tall and two (2) inches wide and plaque shall be placed at least three (3) feet from the ground at the right side of the driveway or access to occupied and unoccupied houses or structures. Numbers shall be of reflective material.

5. Road Names: All public roads within the unincorporated areas of Quay County shall be named in accordance with the general plan adopted by Quay County. This rule shall also apply to private roads when deemed applicable.
6. Restrictions: Only persons authorized by the county may install or erect road name signs. No person, without such authorization, shall alter, change, remove or otherwise deface a road name sign which exists in accordance with the official road name and this ordinance.
7. The provisions of paragraph four (4) and six (6) may be enforced pursuant to the terms of Section 4-37-3, NMSA, 1984 repl. pamphlet as supplement, and the penalties enumerated therein, shall apply for violations of this ordinance.

8. Resolution: All details necessary for the administration of this ordinance shall be provided by resolution of the Quay County Commission.

On this 9th day of September, 1991, after due consideration and public hearing, Ordinance # 13, adopting the Grid System of Rural Addressing is hereby:

Passed, Approved, and Adopted by:

QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jose Leon Carlos Moya
Charlie Moya, Chairman

Brad Hunton
Brad Hunton, Member

Robert Thrasher
Robert Thrasher, Member

ATTEST:

Jeannette Maddaford
Jeannette Maddaford, County Clerk