

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

BYLAW NO. 2021.58

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA AND PROVIDE FOR THE PLACING AND MAINTAINING OF A MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O, 2001, c.25, as amended provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority of municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 11(2) 6 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality may pass bylaws for the health, safety and wellbeing of persons;

AND WHEREAS Section 11(2) 8 of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may pass bylaws for the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS Section 116 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that where a municipality has established a centralized communication system for emergency services it may at any reasonable time enter onto land to affix numbers on buildings or erect signs setting out numbers on land;

AND WHEREAS Section 429 (1) of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may establish a system for fines for a bylaw passed under the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 446(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that where a person fails to do something that is required under a bylaw, the municipality may understand to do the thing required at the person's expense and the costs may be collected in the same manner as property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara deems it to be necessary and in the interest of the public to provide for the number of improved properties adjacent to highways, streets and navigable waterways within the municipality, and to further provide for the keeping of a record of such highways, streets and navigable waterways and the numbers allocated to improve properties which are located adjacent thereto;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara desires to repeal and replace the Municipal Addressing System bylaw 2012.20 as amended with this bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Municipal Addressing System Bylaw” which provides an agreed upon system of property identification that will assist emergency and delivery services and establishes a system that is capable of accommodating growth.
2. Definitions
 - “Corporation” shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Ramara;
 - “Front Lot Line” means the property line dividing the lot from the street;
 - “Height” shall mean the distance above existing grade at which the number is placed and shall conform to the requirements of this bylaw;
 - “Municipal Address Number” shall mean the road or street names and the number(s) as assigned by the Township of Ramara in accordance with Section 3;
 - “Municipality” shall mean all areas within the corporate and geographic boundaries of the Township of Ramara
 - “Number” shall mean the single or multiple digit number designated by the Township of Ramara to identify individual properties or structures on properties, and with the street name, may be used in conjunction with the present mailing address designated by Canada Post, unless otherwise authorized by Canara Post. The number shall conform to the requirements contained within this Bylaw.
 - “Number Blade” shall mean the plate on which the number is affixed to each side
 - “Owner” shall mean a person or persons who is in legal possession of a property and also includes a person, for the time being, who manages the property or receives rent for it, or who pays municipal taxes on the property, whether on their account of as an agent or trustee of any other person, who would carry out the aforementioned duties if the property were let, and shall also includes a lessee or occupant of the property who under the terms of the lease is required to repair and maintain the property;
 - “Property” means a parcel of land, described in a Deed or other document legally capable of conveying land, or shown as a lot or block on a registered Plan of Subdivision but excludes vacant property.
 - “Sign Post” shall mean the support upon which the number blade shall be placed and shall conform to the requirements contained within this Bylaw.
 - “Street” shall mean any public highway as defined in Section 26 of the Municipal Act, 2001, and for the purposes of this bylaw shall include any private street or private lane but does not include an internal private road.
 - “Sub-Number” shall mean any number for alphabetic character attached to the property number assigned by the Township of Ramara to identify units or multiple structures on one lot. Sub-numbers, where assigned, shall be referenced in conjunction with the assigned number.
3. The Corporation shall assign a municipal address, number and sub-number where required, and corresponding street name, to every improved property generally in accordance with the following standards.

- One number shall generally be allocated every 10m (33ft.) of property street frontage, or in the case of water access properties, one number shall generally be assigned for every 10m (33ft) of water frontage
 - Number assignment shall correspond to the location of the driveway access off the street.
 - Numbers shall be assigned in accordance with the mapped grid block system with south and east baselines in the Township
 - Multiple numbers or sub-numbers shall be assigned where deemed necessary to identify multiple structures or units.
 - Generally all independent units within a new number multiple residential building shall be assigned a unit letter (Example: 8 Main Street, Units A, B, C, etc.) with the exception of new multiple residential buildings containing more than 5 units (Example: apartment buildings) which shall be assigned unit numbers. (Exceptions to this number assignment may exist.)
 - Numbers shall generally be assigned beginning at the south and east limit of a road.
 - Even numbers shall be assigned to the north and west sides of a street, while odd numbers shall be assigned to the south and east sides. Exceptions to this number assignment may exist.
 - In the case of crescents and Li-looped streets, or when a street changes direction, the predominant direction determines which side of the street receives odd or even numbers. Odd and even numbers are never transposed because of a change in street direction.
 - On cul-de-sacs and small courts, the change from odd to even numbering occurs at a point as close as possible to the center line of a street at the limit of the turning circle.
 - For curved streets or streets with sharp turns, allowances are made in the numbering sequence to compensate for the greater number of municipal addresses allocated around the outside of the curve.
4. Every person who is an owner of a property in the municipality shall maintain the sign to the standards of this bylaw. The owner shall advise any occupant(s) of their property of the municipal address and of their responsibility under Section 12 herein to ensure that the number blade and any sub-numbers are maintained and visible.
 5. The assigned number blade shall be provided by the Township and will have a minimum digit size of 3 inches in height. The blade is to be affixed to a sign post or permanent fixture and display the number blade at a height of generally not less and 1.2m (4ft) and not greater than 1.9m (6ft) above grade.
 6. The number blade shall be placed on a sign post or permanent object and erected perpendicular to the street to face oncoming traffic so as to be as clearly visible as possible from both directions of the travelled portion of the street.
 7. The sign shall be located at the driveway entrance: placed at a distance not to exceed 5m (16ft) from the travelled portion of the street, and not within the shoulder of the road. The sign shall placed at a distance not to exceed 2m (6ft) from the driveway to the property or as otherwise approved.

8. Notwithstanding Sections 5, 6 and 7 above, where a structure on the lot is sited 10m (32ft) or closer to the street, the address number may be affixed to the structure at a height of generally not less than 1.2m (4ft) and not greater than 3.4m (11ft) above grade. Where possible, the number shall be affixed to face oncoming traffic so as to be clearly visible from both directions on the travelled portion of the street. Numbers shall be a minimum of 5 inches in height to a contrasting background, and where streetlights are not present, must be illuminated or reflective facing the roadway.
9. Notwithstanding Sections 5, 6 and 7 above, where a municipal addressing number is affixed to a stationary object or landscaping feature, numbers shall be a minimum of 5 inches in height to a contrasting background, and where streetlights are not present, must be illuminated or reflective facing the roadway. The address number may be affixed to the object or feature at a height of generally not less than 1.2m (4ft) and not greater than 1.9m (6ft) above grade. The stationary object or landscaping fixture must not be located within Township road allowance, and be located no further than 5m (16ft) from the front lot line and at a distance not to exceed 3m (10ft) from the driveway.
10. The Township shall not be liable for any loss, cost or expense which the owners of land may incur as a result of the civic address sign being damaged, missing, obstructed or illegible.
11. The number blade shall be available only through the office of the Township of Ramara at costs outlined in the current Fees and Charges Bylaw.
12. Where more than one number blade is posted on a sign post at the driveway access, thereby identifying more than one structure at that location, each number must be visibly posted at the appropriate location near or on the structure in accordance with this bylaw. Such numbers shall have a minimum digit size of 3 inches in height, be affixed to a contrasting background and posted at a height generally not less than 1.2m (4ft) and not greater than 1.9m (6ft).
13. Where the sub-number is assigned, the owner must provide and visibly post such numbers at the appropriate location on the unit or structure in consultation with the Corporation. Such numbers shall have a minimum digit size of 3 inches in height and be affixed to a contrasting background to be clearly visible.
14. The owner is responsible for ensuring that the municipal addressing whether blade or otherwise and any additional number, sub-number requiring posting are maintained and visible at all times and clear of snow, foliage or other obstructions that may block visibility of the numbers.
15. Where vacant land is proposed for development, as part of the building approval process, the Township shall assign the municipal address and the owner shall ensure the number blade and sign post (where required) or other addressing method is installed in accordance with this bylaw prior to obtaining occupancy of the building or structure.

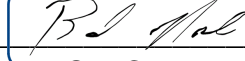
16. Where a number blade and/or sign post is to be erected as part of the building approval process, the cost shall be in accordance with the current Fees and Charges Bylaw.

17. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, S.61 The municipal address is entirely independent of, and separate from, both the assessment of buildings for tax purposes and the legal description of lands upon which buildings are located.

18. That any other bylaws, or part of any bylaw that is inconsistent with this bylaw is hereby repealed.

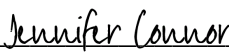
**BYLAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED
THIS 26 DAY OF JULY, 2021.**

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BASIL CLARKE, MAYOR

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JENNIFER CONNOR, CLERK