

ARTICLE I  
**Street Naming and Numbering**  
**[Adopted 4-24-1993]**

**§ 201-1. Purpose.**

It is the responsibility of the municipality to protect the lives and property of the residents of Wells and it is the desire of the municipality to operate efficient and effective public safety services. These efficient and effective public safety operations are inhibited by the current inconsistent building and street numbering process and overlapping or similar street names. Therefore, be it ordained by the Town Meeting of Wells, Maine, that the following article entitled "Ordinance Regulating Street Naming and Numbering in the Town of Wells" be enacted.

**§ 201-2. Street names.**

Initially, the Selectmen shall have the authority to confirm existing street names or, when necessary to avoid duplication or confusion, to rename existing streets to implement the street numbering system. The Selectmen shall review a street list or map showing street names, and, upon adoption by the Selectmen, that list or map shall become the official street designation of the Town. After initial implementation of the program, an applicant for a street name shall submit the proposed name to the Assessor. The Assessor shall review the proposed street name for duplication of names, appropriateness of names and for overall compliance with the street naming and numbering policy. The Assessor shall be responsible for updating the official street list or map in a timely manner.

**§ 201-3. Street Numbering Map.**

All buildings shall bear a distinctive street number in accordance with and as designated upon the Street Numbering Map on file in the Assessor's office. The Assessor or his/her designee shall be responsible for updating and keeping the map current.

**§ 201-4. Display of numbers.**

- A. Street numbers shall be displayed upon or near the front door of the main building facing the street. The number shall be plainly visible from the street. Houses that are set back and not visible from the road shall place a post or sign at the driveway entrance upon which shall be affixed the specified numbers in accordance with the street naming and numbering policy.
- B. Numbers shall be in Arabic figures, no less than three inches in height and a one-half-inch-wide stroke, and shall contrast in color with the color of the building or background to which they are attached.
- C. No person shall affix, or allow to be affixed, a different street number from the one designated on the Street Numbering Map by the Assessor.

**§ 201-5. Multi-unit complexes.**

For multi-unit complexes, the complex street number shall be displayed as outlined in § 201-4. Each individual building and each individual unit shall be clearly sublettered.

**§ 201-6. Street name signs and letters.**

The design and style of the street name signs and letters shall be provided by the Public Works Department.

**§ 201-7. When effective; time frame for compliance.**

This article shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Meeting. Any new buildings or major renovation of an existing building shall comply with the requirements of this article prior to occupancy thereof. All existing buildings shall comply with the requirements of this article on or before December 31, 1994.

**§ 201-8. Enforcement; violations and penalties.**

The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Wells shall be responsible for administering and enforcing this article. Any person who, after being notified of a violation of this article by the Code Enforcement Officer and ordered to correct the violation, fails to comply with any of the provisions of this article within 15 days of written notice shall be liable for civil penalties in the amount of \$100.