

ORDINANCE NO. 61325

An Ordinance providing for a plan of systematic renumbering of buildings and renaming of streets, providing a penalty for violation thereof, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a uniform system of numbering all houses and buildings fronting on all streets, avenues, alleys, and highways in the City of Portland, and dividing the city into five general districts. In establishing said system Williams Avenue and the center line of the Willamette river southerly from Glisan Street shall constitute the north and south base line from which the numbers on all houses and buildings running easterly and westerly from said streets shall be extended each way, upon the basis of one number for each ten (10) feet of property frontage, wherever possible, starting at the base line with the number one (1) and continuing with consecutive hundreds at each intersection, wherever possible; provided, however, that streets running easterly and westerly in that district south of Jefferson street and lying between Front Street and the Willamette river shall have the prefix "zero" (0) placed before the assigned house number, said numbers starting at Front Street with the number one (1) and continuing with consecutive hundreds at each intersection, where possible. All even numbers shall be placed upon houses and buildings on the southerly side of said streets, avenues, alleys, and highways, and all odd numbers shall be placed upon houses and buildings on the northerly side of said streets, avenues, alleys, and highways. Burnside Street and Washington Street shall constitute the east and west base line from which the numbers on all streets running north and south from said streets shall be extended each way, upon the basis of one number for each ten (10) feet of property frontage, wherever possible, starting at the base line with the number one (1) and continuing with consecutive hundreds at each intersection, wherever possible. All even numbers shall be placed upon houses and buildings on the easterly side of said streets, avenues, alleys, and highways, and all odd numbers upon houses and buildings on the westerly side of said streets, avenues, alleys, and highways.

Section 2. RELATING TO THE USE OF "PREFIXES" FOR ALL STREETS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND;

The term "street" for the purpose of this ordinance

shall include all streets, avenues, boulevards, lanes, courts, places, drives, and terraces open to public travel.

All streets in that section of the City of Portland north of the Willamette river and west of the center line of Williams Avenue shall be designated as "North", and the prefix "N" shall be added to the street name. All streets in that section of the City north of the center line of East Burnside Street and east of the center line of Williams Avenue shall be designated as "Northeast", and the prefix "NE" shall be added to the street name. All streets in that section of the city south of the center line of East Burnside Street and east of the Willamette river shall be designated as "Southeast", and the prefix "SE" shall be added to the street name. All streets in that section of the city north of the center line of Burnside Street and west of the Willamette river shall be designated as "Northwest", and the prefix "NW" shall be added to the street name. All streets in that section of the city south of the center line of Burnside Street and west of the Willamette river shall be designated as "Southwest", and the prefix "SW" shall be added to the street name.

Section 5. DESIGNATION OF STREETS, AVENUES, BOULEVARDS, AND DRIVES:

1. All streets within the corporate limits of the city running in an easterly and westerly direction shall hereafter be designated as "streets", and all streets running in a northerly and southerly direction shall be designated as "avenues"; provided, however, that the term "Drive", "Court", "Lane", "Terrace", or "Way" may be used to designate winding or circuitous streets; and provided further that all streets lying between two consecutively numbered streets shall be designated as "Place" and shall take the lesser number of said two numbered streets. Spans or arterial streets may be designated as "Boulevard" or "Drive" in lieu of the term "Streets" or "Avenues". All numbered avenues in the extreme southeastern section of the city now designated as "Southeast" are hereby changed from numbered avenues to named streets, and shall be given the names of streets commencing at the Willamette river and coinciding therewith, and such names shall be continuous, where practicable, to the eastern boundary of the city.

2. All streets now designated by more than one name shall be changed to one name for the entire length by ordinance.

Section 4. ASSIGNING AND PLACING OF NUMBERS:

The city engineer shall make the necessary survey and assign to each house and building located on any street, avenue, alley, or highway in said city its respective number under the uniform system provided for in section 1 of this ordinance. Such number or numbers shall be placed within fifteen (15) days after the said city engineer has assigned the proper number. The cost of the number or numbers shall be paid for out of the funds set aside for this purpose. The cost of replacement of any number or numbers after the initial installation shall be borne entirely by the owner or occupant of any house or building.

Section 5. MAINTAINING OLD NUMBERS: It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant, or agent of any house or building to which a new number is assigned as provided in this ordinance to maintain the old number now upon said house or building, together with the new number, for a period of six (6) months, after the said city engineer has assigned the new number or numbers to the premises, at which time the old number or numbers shall be removed, and thereafter it shall be unlawful to maintain any number other than the new number, as designated by the city engineer.

Section 6. SUFFIXES: Where only one number is available for any house or building the owner, occupant, or agent of such house or building who shall desire distinctive numbers for the upper and lower portions of any such house or building, or for any such house or building, fronting on any street shall use the suffix "A", "B", "C", etc., as may be required.

Section 7. IMPROPER NUMBERS: It shall be unlawful for any person to alter any number or to retain an improper number other than the one given by virtue of sections 1 to 12 inclusive.

Section 8. SIZE AND LOCATION OF NUMBERS: All numbers placed on houses and buildings in accordance with sections 1 to 12 hereof shall be not less than three (3) inches, including background, in height and shall be distinctly legible, and shall be posted as nearly as possible in a uniform place and position on the front of each house or building, so as to be easily seen and read from the public way. In no event shall the number proper, where a background is used, be less than two (2) inches in height.

It shall be the duty of the city engineer to examine all new numbers and the location thereof, and if in the judgment of the city engineer said size and/or location do not meet with the requirements of this ordinance then the property owner or agent therefor shall be notified and shall make such changes, within fifteen (15) days, as the said city engineer shall direct.

Section 9. INFORMATION: It shall be the duty of the city engineer to inform any party applying therefor the number or numbers belonging or embraced within the limits of said lot or property, as provided in section 1.

Section 10. NEW BUILDINGS: Whenever any new house, building, or structure shall be erected in the City of Portland after the entire work of establishing a uniform system of house numbering has been completed, in order to preserve the continuity and uniformity of numbers of the houses, buildings, and structures, it shall be the duty of the owner, or his agent, to procure the correct number or numbers, as designated by the city engineer, for the said property, and the said owner or agent shall immediately fasten the said number or numbers so assigned upon said house, building, or structure, in a manner as provided in section 8; and no building permit shall be issued for any house, building, or structure until the owner or his agent has procured from the city engineer the official number of the premises.

Section 11. DUTY OF POLICEMEN: It shall be the duty of all policemen of the City of Portland to report violations of any provisions of sections 1 to 12, both inclusive.

Section 12. PENALTY: Any owner, occupant, or agent of any house or building failing or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of sections 1 to 12, both inclusive, shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00, plus costs of prosecution for each such neglect and refusal, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten (10) days.

Section 13. REPEALING CLAUSE: All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this

ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 14. EMERGENCY: Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland in this: That the present system of numbering in the City of Portland is unscientific and confusing and that the system herein provided for should be put into effect immediately in order to enable business houses and citizens to conform thereto at the earliest possible moment; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council

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GEO. L. BAKER

Mayor of the City of Portland.

Attest:

Geo. P. Funk

Auditor of the City of Portland.

9-1-31
Commissioner Riley

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CITY ATTORNEY