

## Chapter 40 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES<sup>11</sup>

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**State Law reference**— County roads, bridges and ferries generally, S.C. Code 1976, § 57-17-10 et seq.; addressing upon implementation of 911 system, S.C. Code 1976, § 23-47-60.

### ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 40-1. - System established.

There is hereby established a uniform system for street naming and for numbering property and buildings on all roads, streets and public ways in the area so defined as the unincorporated areas of the county, and all buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the provisions set forth in this chapter.

(Code 2000, § 62-1; Ord. No. 391, art. I, 9-21-1993)

#### Sec. 40-2. - Street naming.

- (a) As of September 21, 1993, no new street names shall duplicate or be similar, either phonetically or by spelling, to another street name in the unincorporated area of the county, regardless of the road name suffix. See subsection (c) of this section.
- (b) Existing duplicate street names shall be changed where they are necessary in order to maintain the nonduplication, order and uniformity sought by this chapter and to avoid hardship for county emergency services. Except in the case of absolute dire need and emergency, no such changes shall go into effect until all affected property owners shall have been given 160 days' written notice.
- (c) Naming and renaming of streets within municipalities shall be the responsibility of that entity. The E 911 office will notify the municipality of any necessary changes. Response shall be made to the planning commission within 30 days.
- (d) Activities involving streets and roads which also serve adjoining counties shall be coordinated with the respective county agency.
- (e) Street names will be selected or changed, when necessary, by the E 911 office. Property owners may, within 30 days of change notification, petition for a name of their choosing. Seventy-five percent of property owners must sign the petition for consideration.
- (f) Correction of duplications shall be made by changing the street affecting the least number of persons.

(Code 2000, § 62-2; Ord. No. 391, art. II, 9-21-1993; Ord. No. 95-008, § 1, 3-21-1995)

#### Sec. 40-3. - Property numbering.

- (a) A uniform system of numbering properties and principal buildings is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter.
- (b) All buildings north of east-west streets and east of north-south streets shall bear even numbers, and likewise all buildings on the south side of east-west streets and the west side of north-south streets shall bear odd numbers. Streets running more nearly north-south shall be numbered as north-south streets and all streets running more nearly east-west shall be numbered as east-west streets.
- (c) All numbers shall be assigned in a manner so agreed upon by the county council acting through their agent, the county planning commission, and the U.S. Post Office.

- (d) Each house, building or structure shall have its own number. A building number or alphabetical letter shall be assigned for each separate occupant.

(Code 2000, § 62-3; Ord. No. 391, art. III, 9-21-1993)

Sec. 40-4. - Assignment of numbers.

- (a) Existing numbers shall be changed only where it is necessary in the judgment of the county council acting through their agent, the county planning commission, in order to maintain the order and uniformly sought by this chapter and to avoid hardship for county emergency services. Except in the case of absolute dire need and emergency, no such changes shall go into effect until all affected property owners shall have been given 160 days written notice.
- (b) As of September 21, 1993, the county council, acting through their agent, the county planning commission, shall begin assigning any and all developing structures located on any road, street or public way in the jurisdiction of this chapter its respective number under the uniform system provided for in this chapter. The county council, acting through their agent, the county planning commission, shall submit the site development plat to the addressing information center at the appropriate post office with the uniform numbering system detailed upon a copy of the plat. All newly assigned numbers with a plat, if applicable, will be sent to the county building and codes department, the county tax assessor's office and the address information system office of the United States Post Office.
- (c) Written notification of the proper address of each building shall be given to the owner, occupant or agent of each building in all instances where a new number or name is assigned under the terms of this chapter.

(Code 2000, § 62.4; Ord. No. 391, art. IV, 9-21-1993; Ord. No. 95-008, § 2, 3-21-1995)

Sec. 40-5. - Placement of numbers.

- (a) When each house or building has been assigned its respective number or numbers, the owner, occupant or agent shall place or cause to be placed upon each house or building controlled by him the number or numbers assigned under the uniform system as provided in this chapter.
- (b) Such numbers shall be placed on existing buildings within 30 days after the date of notification of proper number assignment.
- (c) Cost and installation of the numbers shall be paid for by the property owner. Residential numbers used shall not be less than three inches in height, and business numbers shall not be less than four inches in height. Numbers shall be made of a durable and clearly visible material.
- (d) Numbers shall be put in a conspicuous place immediately above, on or at the side of the proper door so that the number is clearly visible from the street line. In cases where the building is situated more than 50 feet from the street line, the building number shall be placed near the walk, driveway or common entrance to the building, and upon the mailbox, gatepost, fence curb or other appropriate place so as to be clearly visible from the street line.

(Code 2000, § 59-42; Ord. No. 391, art. V, 9-21-1993)

Sec. 40-6. - Administration and implementation.

- (a) Whenever any house, building or structure shall be erected or located in the area of the jurisdiction of this chapter after September 21, 1993, it shall be the duty of the owner to secure the correct number or numbers as designated by the county E 911 office for such property and attach such number so assigned on such building as provided by this chapter. In case of conflict as to the proper number to

be assigned to any building, the county council acting through their agent, the county planning commission, shall determine the number of such building.

- (b) No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure until the owner has obtained the assigned number or numbers from the county E 911 office.
- (c) Final approval of any structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after September 21, 1993, shall be withheld by the county building inspector until permanent and proper numbers have attached or fastened to such structure.
- (d) New subdivisions submitted to the county planning commission shall be named and numbered by the developer as instructed by the E 911 office with the final approval by the county council, acting through their agent, the county planning commission.

(Code 2000, § 62-6; Ord. No. 391, art. IV, 9-21-1993)

#### Sec. 40-7. - Existing structures.

The county, upon adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, will require owners of existing principal structures to post the number so assigned to their dwelling under the provisions of this chapter within three months of September 21, 1993. Community service organizations, neighborhood associations and rescue and fire districts will be encouraged to assist in the implementation.

(Code 2000, § 62-7; Ord. No. 391, art. VII, 9-21-1993)

#### Sec. 40-8. - Penalties.

Failure to comply with this chapter will be deemed a violation of this chapter and a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, may be punished as provided in section 1-7. If a property owner is unable to affix a house number, assistance may be requested from the county emergency services or the county fire headquarters.

(Code 2000, § 62-8; Ord. No. 391, art. IX, 9-21-1993)

#### Secs. 40-9—40-37. - Reserved.

### ARTICLE II. - SPEED HUMPS

#### DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

#### Secs. 40-38—42-63. - Reserved.

#### DIVISION 2. - CRITERIA FOR SPEED HUMPS

#### Sec. 40-64. - Location of road.

Speed humps, constructed as noted herein, may be installed by the county only on county roads within urban districts. Urban districts mean the territory contiguous to and including any street which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of a quarter mile or more. Moreover, the road in question must be located in an area that is classified as local, noncommercial.

(Code 2000, § 59-21; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 1, 12-16-2003; [Ord. No. 2022-053](#), § 1, 8-16-2022)

Sec. 40-65. - Street classification.

Speed humps may be installed only on one- or two-lane roads that are maintained by the county and listed on the county master road list.

(Code 2000, § 59-22; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 1, 12-16-2003)

Sec. 40-66. - Speed and traffic volume.

A current traffic study on a road proposed for speed humps must find that a speeding problem exists, based upon the standard of a 95th percentile speed of at least ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less. Moreover, the average daily traffic on the road in question must be less than 4,000 vehicles.

(Code 2000, § 59-23; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 1, 12-16-2003; [Ord. No. 2019-031](#), § 1, 8-20-2019)

Sec. 40-67. - Road accommodations.

The road in question must be able to accommodate speed humps in such a way that none of the speed humps are located in curves or on hills; moreover, the road must be such that speed humps can be spaced between 250 feet to 800 feet apart.

(Code 2000, § 59-24; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 1, 12-16-2003)

Secs. 40-68—40-92. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL

Sec. 40-93. - Petition for speed humps.

Property owners desiring the installation of speed humps on a road that they use for access to their property must petition the county transportation division to conduct a feasibility study for speed humps on said road. The petition must also state that said property owners acknowledge and agree that they will be responsible for 50 percent of the construction and administrative costs in relation to installing the speed humps, should the road qualify. Seventy-five percent of the property owners using the road for access to their property must sign the petition. Only one signature per household will be counted.

(Code 2000, § 59-41; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 2, 12-16-2003)

Sec. 40-94. - Transportation division feasibility study and report.

Once a properly executed petition is submitted to the county transportation division, the transportation division shall conduct a study on the road proposed for speed humps to find out if the road meets the criteria set forth in this article, along with the construction costs for such speed humps.

(Code 2000, § 59-42; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 2, 12-16-2003)

Sec. 40-95. - County council approval.

The county transportation department shall submit its report to the county council regarding the findings of the feasibility study described in section 42-93, along with a copy of the landowners' petition.

Once county council receives a copy of the said report and petition, a resolution shall be presented to county council for final approval or disapproval of the installation of speed humps on the road in question.

(Code 2000, § 59-43; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 2, 12-16-2003)

Sec. 40-96. - Funding.

The property owners located on the road in which speed humps are to be located shall pay 50 percent of the estimated construction costs in relation to installing the speed humps, as set out in the transportation division report. Said payment shall be deposited with the county finance division prior to the start of construction.

(Code 2000, § 59-44; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 2, 12-16-2003)

Secs. 40-97—40-120. - Reserved.

#### DIVISION 4. - SPEED HUMP CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

Sec. 40-121. - Speed hump height restriction.

Speed humps shall not exceed six inches in height above the street or road surface and signs shall be erected warning of the existence of the devices.

(Code 2000, § 59-61; Ord. No. 2003-062, § 3, 12-16-2003)