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Press Release: House Identification

Readington Township Resident's

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Our emergency response volunteer companies have requested that I address a serious concern regarding property identification. It is becoming increasingly difficult identifying residential properties when responding to emergency calls by First Aid, Fire and Police personnel.

Per Chapter 82 of the Readington Township Code the owner of any property, whether it is residential, commercial, industrial or otherwise...shall install **on said structure and also at the frontage of the property** on public or private road number(s) corresponding to the number(s) assigned by the Tax Assessor.

The identification number(s) shall be no less than **three inches in height and made of durable and clearly visible material**. The numbers shall be of reflective material or of sufficient visible contrast to the background material to be easily discernible at night with the aid of an emergency vehicle spotlight. All numbers shall be mounted so that they face the access road on which the building fronts and shall be maintained by the owner of the property so as not to be obstructed by trees, shrubs, and other vegetation or otherwise.

Please review your house identification. The ordinance requires that identification is located on the house as well as frontage of the property. The ideal location is on **both sides** of the mail box providing emergency responding personnel identification from either direction. Minimum 3 inches, easily identifiable at night. **Reflective material is strongly recommended**. If your numbers do not comply, please replace immediately. Time is of the essence whenever an emergency response is requested.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention, Office of Emergency Management and Readington Township appreciate your cooperation and compliance. I have instructed all departments to notify me of any specific properties they find in violation. Upon identification of a violation you will be notified and given ten days to abate. Failure to comply will result in the issuing of a summons with fines of up to \$1,000.00. Each day violation continues shall be considered a separate and specific violation.

Again, thank you in advance for your cooperation and compliance. Our only motive is to prevent valuable time lost identify your address and responding to your emergency. A simple review and compliance may be the difference in avoiding a major tragedy.

Sincerely,

John Barczyk
Fire / Zoning Official