

**Special Town Meeting
Adopted September 13, 1993**

“Building Identification Number By-Law”

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40, section 21 (10) to adopt the following by-law to be known as the “Building Identification Number By-law” for purposes of facilitation compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 148, section 59 (effective April 7, 1993) which requires that “every building in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, dwellings, apartment buildings, condominiums and business establishments shall have affixed thereto a number representing the address of such building.”

Building Identification Number By-law:

1. On or before ninety (90) days from the effective date of this By-law, every building in the Town of Somerset, including but not limited to dwellings, apartment buildings, condominiums, and business establishments, shall have affixed thereto a street number representing the address of such building, as designated by the Town Engineering Department, and meeting the following requirements:
 - a. All numbers must be at least three inches in height;
 - b. All numbers must be of a color contrasting with the color of the building;
 - c. All numbers must be posted on the building so that they are facing toward and clearly visible from the street or way on which the building fronts; and,
 - d. If the building in question is more than fifty (50') feet from the street or way on which it fronts or if for any reason such numbering affixed to the building is not legible from said street or way, additional numbering meeting the requirements of this by-law must be placed on an structure (including fence or post) located closer than fifty (50') feet from said street or way, facing toward and clearly visible from said street or way.
2. In order to comply with this By-law, it shall be the responsibility of every property owner in Somerset to obtain from the Town Engineering Department a building identification number for each building owned.
3. Violations: Any property owner in the Town of Somerset who after notice violates the provisions of this By-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, in addition to any fine imposed under State law. Each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense. The provisions of this By-law may be enforced by any Somerset Police Officer or Firefighter.

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As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings for violation of the By-law, a police officer or firefighter may employ the non-criminal disposition procedures contained in M.G.L. chapter 40, section 21D, and Article III adopted at the December 16, 1991, Special Town Meeting. If such procedures are employed, a property owner who after notice violates the provisions of this By-law shall be subject to a civil penalty of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for each day of continued violation, in addition to any fine imposed under state law.

A True Copy, Attest:

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk