Town of Morris Ordinance 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE HYDRANT

WHEREAS, No person shall place or keep any fence, growth, trash or other material near any fire hydrant that would prevent such hydrant from being immediately discernible or in any other manner hinder the fire department from gaining immediate access to a fire hydrant, and

WHEREAS, Fire hydrants shall have a 5-foot radius of clear access so as to allow enough room for fire operations, and

WHEREAS, No person shall use or operate any hydrant or any valve installed on any water system intended for use by the fire department for fire suppression purposes and which is accessible to any public highway, alley or private way open to, or generally used by the public unless such person first secures a permit for such use, and

WHEREAS, Wherever the fire official determines that a hydrant is not readily visible to arriving fire companies due to curbside parking, features of terrain, plantings, construction, or other obstruction, the pavement shall be marked to indicate the location. The marking shall consist of the traffic lane nearest to the hydrant. On non-paved streets a blue reflector shall be affixed to a post as close as practicable to the edge of the roadway, so as to be visible, and

WHEREAS, It shall be illegal to remove or block any such markings causing a delay in fire department personnel getting to a hydrant for fire suppression purposes.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and posting as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Morris while in regular session on the 23 day of July, 2013.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 23DAY OF JULY, 2013.

Mayor

Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessica Robb, Town Clerk for the Town of Morris, do hereby certify to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2013-03, that was duly and legally adopted on the 23 day of July 2013, by the Town Council of Morris, while in regular session.

Town Clerk