



RICE COUNTY

Government Services Building, 320 3RD ST NW, FARIBAULT MN 55021
Phone: 507-332-6101

December 1, 2011

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RE: **Public Improvement Hearing Notice –Rural Address Signs**
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 9:30 a.m.
Rice County Government Services Building County Board Room
320 Northwest 3rd Street
Faribault, MN 55021

Dear Property Owner,

The Rice County Board of Commissioners will hold a public improvement hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rice County Government Services Building at 320 Northwest 3rd Street Faribault, MN for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed countywide replacement and installation of rural address signs and assessment of such costs.

All rural addresses in the unincorporated areas of Rice County will receive a new Emergency address (911) sign. Addresses are assigned to buildings on each parcel based on driveway access to the road. If a parcel has more than one driveway access to more than one building, or more than one house, it will have more than one address and sign. Addresses are also assigned to some parcels without buildings such as parks, cemeteries and gravel pits.

The rural address is incorporated in the County's emergency dispatching service to provide emergency responders pin point locations to respond to emergencies at a faster rate in the rural areas of the County. The installation of emergency address signs shall be performed by the County. Costing information will be available at the hearing. A preliminary estimate of the assessment is \$55 per sign.

In addition, the feasibility report also identified, and recommended, the need to correct addresses that are out of sequence or are not consistent with the County policy on uniform street naming and address numbering. **Your address has been identified as not conforming, and therefore will change as part of this project.** Maintaining inaccurate addressing would lead to delays in the provision of emergency services. The current schedule proposes to begin installation of new signs in May of 2012, and we anticipate implementing your new address to be effective April 15th. The U.S. Post Office and Emergency Dispatch Center will be notified of this transition.

Your old address is as follows:

«PROPERTY_ADDR_OLD»
«CITY_OLD», MN

Your new address will be:

«PROPERTY_ADDRESS»
«CITY», MN

For more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, (FAQ's) and the project Feasibility Report, please visit the Rice County website at: www.co.rice.mn.us

Oral comments on the need and financing of the project will be received during the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to Rice County Administration at 320 Northwest 3rd Street, Faribault, MN 55021.