



# COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
Through: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator

**FROM:** Keith Dennis, Planner II *KD*  
For: Beverly Wilson, Deputy Director Planning Division *BW*

**SUBJECT:** Docket R-12-03 (RAD Ordinance Update)

**DATE:** December 4, 2012 for the December 18, 2012 Meeting

## COCHISE COUNTY RURAL ADDRESSING ORDINANCE UPDATE

### I. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED CHANGES

Cochise County adopted an Ordinance establishing a Rural Addressing system in 1990. Since then, the Ordinance has been updated twice, in 2003 and 2006. The staff-initiated proposal to be considered as Docket R-12-03 is a small set of amendments to the RAD Ordinance.

The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow in the attached Exhibit A. The most significant change, which prompted staff to bring these changes before the Board, deals with the allowed color scheme for private and non-maintained roads. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) provides the guidelines for road signage standards in the County. The MUTCD changed in 2009 to require that signage on private roads and non-County maintained roads feature white lettering on a blue background. The Highways staff have updated their standards to reflect this, and the Rural Addressing Ordinance needs to be similarly updated (See page 2 of Exhibit A, attached). Additionally, the standard practice of utilizing white letters on a brown background for road signs in national parks, forests, and monuments, has been codified in the proposed changes.

### II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve Docket R-12-03, making the changes to the Rural Addressing Ordinance as suggested by staff.

Sample Motion: *Mr. Chairman, I move to approve Docket R-12-03, amending the Rural Addressing Ordinance per staff recommendation.*

### III. ATTACHMENTS

A. Resolution with Exhibit, Legal Notice