

Why Post Your Address?

Every structure assigned an address must have the address posted in a visible location. Posting your address correctly will:

Help Emergency Responders protect you and your family in the event of an emergency. By making sure your address is visible, you will allow Emergency Responders to locate you quicker.

Give your structure identification. By properly posting your address in the correct place, you also allow delivery services, postal services and utility service providers to find you quicker. Without your address properly posted, they may not be able to find you and may refuse service.

Display your Address Correctly, It's the Law!!!



Guilford County Regulation Overview

(Refer to the Development Ordinance Appendix 1.)

1. Addresses must be posted during construction of a new structure and properly maintained thereafter.
2. Address numbers and letters must be at least 3 inches in height on single family residential structures and at least 6 inches on apartments, condominiums and commercial structures, (at least 12 inches if the building is more than 100 feet from road).
3. Non-residential structures address numbers must be at least 6 inches in height if the structure is within 100 feet from the road and at least 12 inches if the building is more than 100 feet from road, additional postings may be required.
4. For residential structures; address numbers must be placed within a 3 foot perimeter of the front entrance or in a location visible from the street. For non-residential and multi-family structures, they must be placed in the approximate center of the structure or where it can most easily be read from the street.
5. In the event a residence is more than 100 feet from the road, then additional address numbers must be placed at the intersection of the legally recognized driveway and road the residence is addressed from.
6. Address Numbers and letters must be in a color contrasting with the color of the house and any framing the address numbers are permanently set on.
7. The owner of structure the is responsible for maintaining the proper display of the address numbers and letters and for making sure the address is visible from the street.



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Is Your Address Displayed Correctly?



CAN WE FIND YOU IN CASE OF EMERGENCY?



Address Number Placement Requirements

Even if you receive your mail at a Post Office Box, it is still important to post your assigned address.

Follow these tips in order to make sure emergency responders can find you. Every second counts!

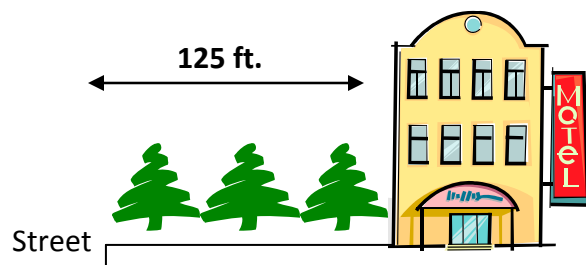
SIZE REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENTIAL

All new residential single-family homes must have numbers that are at least 3 inches high. Multi-Family buildings such as apartments and condominiums must have numbers that are at least 6 inches high if the building is within 100 feet from the road. If it is more than 100 feet from the road, then it must be at least 12 inches in height.

NON-RESIDENTIAL

New office, commercial, retail, industrial and other non-residential buildings must have numbers that are at least 6 inches high if the building is within 100 feet from the road. If it is more than 100 feet from the road, then it must be at least 12 inches in height.



Numbers in this example must be 12 inches.

You can help emergency responders locate your house or building by properly displaying your address and following these simple requirements.

COLOR

The color of your address numbers must contrast with the background. It is also helpful if the numbers are reflective.

PLACEMENT

Address numbers must be placed within 3 feet of the front entrance of the house or in a location that can be seen from the street in both directions. Numbers on mailboxes alone do not meet the posting requirements.

MAINTENANCE

If address numbers are placed where grass, vines, or other plants can grow and affect visibility, the owner must properly maintain the growth so that the numbers are always visible.

If address numbers become damaged for any reason, it is the owner's responsibility to fix them. Make sure the numbers are repaired and serve their purpose.



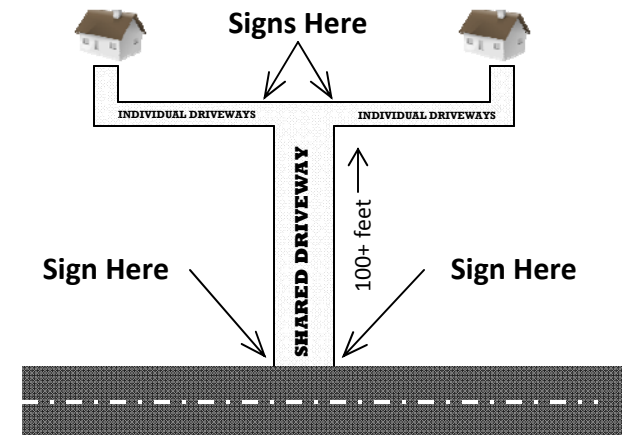
DRIVEWAYS

All driveways must provide a clear and passable access from the street and at the location from which the structure is addressed.

SECONDARY SIGNS

If the addressed structure is more than 100 feet from the road, additional postings will be required. Signs are required to be at the intersection of the legal driveway and the roadway the structure is addressed from as well as on or near the structure itself.

If two or more structures are using the same access, then an additional sign is needed where the driveways separate.



Properly Displaying Your Address Numbers Could Save You or Your Family's Life!

For questions regarding your address numbers and placement, please contact the Guilford County Planning and Development Department at 336-641-3334.