

PROVIDE ADDRESS NUMBERING WHICH IS VISIBLE FROM STREET

CODE SECTIONS

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505.1 Address numbers. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 6 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1 inch (12.7 mm).

EXPLANATION

All buildings are required to post its address. Addresses should be visible from the street which fronts the building. This street may be the public street for which the address is given or it may be the private roadway that fronts the building and allows access to the building. Visible is defined by our ability to see and read the numbers from the street. The building address numbering shall be on a contrasting background.

Another consideration is the location of the numbers. Numbering shall not be obstructed by trees, exterior walls or any other obstruction which would hinder the view of the numbers. If an obstruction is present, it shall either be removed or the numbering relocated to a visible location.

In buildings with multiple suites or businesses, the individual suites or businesses shall also be clearly identified, usually by placing the suite number over or on the main entry/exit door. This address shall also be clearly visible and be of a contrasting color. Any other doors providing access to the suite or business should also be marked in the same manner.

RATIONALE

In order to facilitate rapid response to an emergency at your business/building, addresses need to be clearly visible to the fire apparatus from the street. If we cannot easily identify your address, valuable time could be lost trying to locate your business.