

ADDRESSING

Clearly marked addresses are vitally important to emergency services. A fire engine, ambulance, or police vehicle can be delayed several minutes trying to locate unmarked or poorly marked addresses. Such time delays can mean the difference between life and death.

The Oregon Fire Code requires that new and existing buildings have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification. These numbers need to be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall also contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ an inch.

Buildings must be easily identified by emergency responders from the emergency response vehicle. This should include the backs of buildings that face alleys or roads, since the emergency response unit may often be directed to the back entrance to a building, such as in a strip shopping center. The back door of each tenant space should have the numerical address and the store name on or above the door.

If your address is not currently posted on your house or at the end of your driveway, we strongly recommend you take this opportunity to remedy the situation.