



Residential Address Numbers

Can we find you in an EMERGENCY?

No one ever plans to have to dial 911. When you do, having address numbers that are visible from the street helps emergency crews locate you during your emergency!

In an emergency, police, fire, and rescue workers depend on house numbers to find YOU as quickly as possible. Finding your home – especially at night – can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlighted, or have missing numbers and may delay emergency responders from getting to you as quickly as possible.

Are your house numbers visible from the street? Are they set on a background of contrasting color? If your house is hidden from the street, are your numbers attached to a visible fence, mailbox, or gate? If you live on a corner, does your house number face the street named in your address?

If you have answered “no” to any of these questions, please follow the guidelines below to make sure your house number is easy to read:

1. Numbers must be visible from the street. Residential home numbering must be in accordance with the city municipal code below.
2. Numbers should be placed on a contrasting background with reflective coating on the numbers for easy visibility at night.
3. Repair or replace aging address number placards especially on the mailboxes that are a distance from the front of the residence.
4. Prune any bushes, tree limbs, or other growth that has covered your house numbers.
5. Numbers should be placed on or beside the front door. If your door is not easily seen from the street, put the numbers on a post, fence, or tree at the driveway entrance so they can be clearly seen from the street. In addition to numbers on the front door of your house, if you have rural-style mailbox, reflective and contrasting numbers should be placed on both sides of the box so they can be seen by an emergency vehicle approaching from either direction.

Enumclaw Municipal Code 16.18:

16.18.010 Definitions.

Any term or definition as used in this chapter shall be those as set forth in the International Building Code. (Ord. 2401, 2008).

16.18.020 Requirements generally.

A. The owner, agent, occupant, lessee or tenant of any building or portion thereof situated within the city limits which has an entrance fronting upon a public street or right-of-way shall maintain a building number thereon as provided in this chapter.

B. Each figure of the building number shall be a minimum of four inches in height on single-family residential occupancies and five inches in height for multifamily residential occupancies. Individual suite numbers on commercial occupancies and individual multifamily unit numbers shall be a minimum of two inches in height. Numbers shall be of a color that will contrast with the structure's background color and shall be either illuminated during periods of darkness, or be reflective, so the address numbers are easily seen at night.

C. The building(s) shall have the building address numerals located on the upper 25 percent of the building face fronting the public street or right-of-way. This requirement may be modified in the downtown area where buildings are closer to the public way or right-of-way. Numeral size shall be as follows:

Setback from Public Way or Right-of-Way Centerline	Less Than 75 Feet from Public Way or Right-of-Way Centerline	Greater Than 75 Feet from Public Way or Right-of-Way Centerline
Multifamily	12" High	18" High
Small Commercial	12" High	18" High
Large Commercial	18" High	24" High
Monument Sign	6" High	N/A