

# Fire Department Fire Prevention

## **Guidelines**

### PREMISES IDENTIFICATION – POSTING OF BUILDING ADDRESSES

### Scope:

This guideline provides the requirements for numerical address identification within the City of Rocklin to aid in first responder response.

#### References:

California Fire Code, Section 505.

### **Operational Standards:**

Building address numbers shall be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the building. Numbers shall contrast with their background and shall be either internally or externally illuminated so they can be easily seen from the street or road fronting the building.

When the front of the building does not face the street from which it is addressed, the sides of the building facing said street shall also have complying numbers. Building address numbers shall conform in accordance with the following minimum stroke and height table:

Distance from edge of		
Property Line and Road	Minimum Number Height	Minimum Stroke
0-50 feet	6 inch	1 inch
50-100 feet	8 inch	1.25 inch
100-150 feet	10 inch	1.75 inch
> 150 feet	12 inch	2 inch

Whenever monument signage is provided at entrances, the address number shall be in a dominant location approved by the Rocklin Fire Department. Monument signs at entrances that are not on the street from which the parcel is addressed shall also include the street name of the street used for addressing. Address numbers on the monument signs shall contrast with their background and shall be either internally or externally illuminated so they can be easily seen from the street. Monument signs, or some other method acceptable to the Fire Chief, shall be provided in

addition, not in lieu of, the posting of the address number on the building.

All apartment, condominium, mobile home, and commercial building complex projects with multiple buildings shall have a monument sign with the street address at each vehicle entrance to the site. Each vehicle entrance shall also have a directory sign showing all buildings and access roads with approved building numbers shown. Each building shall have signage with the approved building numbers facing the related access road.

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

In buildings with multiple suites or businesses, the individual suites or businesses shall also be clearly identified by placing the suite number over, or on, the main entry/exit door. The address shall be clearly visible and of a contrasting color to the background. Rear doors and other doors leading into the suite shall also be identified with the address in the same manner.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS (FDC):

Address numbers are required on the fire department connection to identify which building the FDC serves. The address shall be painted on the FDC in reflective white paint with a minimum size of 3" high numbers.