



# ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PROTECTION STANDARD

ADDRESSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS  
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## **PURPOSE:**

To provide a guideline for the proper procedure of addressing a residential structure.

## **SCOPE:**

To ensure the ability of firefighting crews to visualize building addresses

## **AUTHORITY:**

Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. (Section 901.4.4 2001 CFC)

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

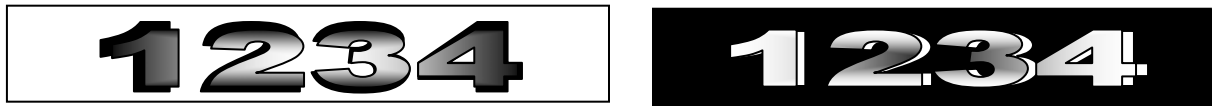
The owner, occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which a number has been assigned shall be responsible for posting designated street address numbers subject to the following specifications:

### **(1) Street address numbering shall adhere to standards set forth in the Ontario Municipal code as follows:**

- All residential dwellings shall display street numbers in a prominent location on the street side of the residence in such a position that the number is easily visible to approaching emergency vehicles.
- The numerals shall be no less than four (4) inches in height, (1) inch in width and shall be of contrasting color to the background to which they are attached and of reflective material.
- Multi-family residences shall also have rear addressing per Fire Department requirements.

**(2) Multiple building, multi-family apartment complexes**

- There shall be positioned at each entrance of a multiple building, multi-family apartment complex an illuminated diagrammatic representation of the complex which shows the location of the viewer and the unit designations within the complex.
- In addition, each individual unit within the complex shall display a prominent identification number, not less than four (4) inches in height, which is easily visible to approaching vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic;



Numbers against a contrasting background  
No less than 4" in height, of Reflective material approved by the building department.



**(3) Placement of Address Identification**

Principal buildings shall display the number on the side where the front entrance is located. Where a principal building is occupied by more than one (1) family dwelling unit, each separate tenant or dwelling unit front entrance shall display the assigned number.