



ADDRESS NUMBER STANDARDS



MMC 9.04.505 International Fire Code Section 505.1, Address identification, amended:

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. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

1. Address numbers for commercial buildings to be a minimum of six inches high (6") with a principal stroke of at least one inch (1").
2. Where the building is not visible from the street or a single access road or private roadway serves more than one building, provision shall be made to clearly identify which driveway or roadway serves the appropriate address.
3. Address numbers at least four inches (4") high shall be prominently displayed on rear entrance or access doors when required by the fire code official.
4. Interior and exterior access doors or individual dwelling, housekeeping, living units, or commercial tenant spaces also shall be clearly marked. Numbers and/or letters of such units shall be at least four inches (4") high.
5. Commercial building address size and location on exterior of building.
 - a. If address is located less than eleven foot eleven inches (11' 11") above finished grade; the address characters shall be a minimum of six inches (6") in height with a minimum one inch (1") stroke in contrast to building colors.
 - b. If address is located twelve feet (12') or more above finish grade; the address characters shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") in height with a minimum two inch (2") stroke in contrast to building colors.
 - c. Address characters shall be visible from the street or road fronting the property and if required, on all fire department approaches.
6. Address numbers for one and two family residential dwellings to be a minimum of four inches (4") high with a principal stroke of at least .05 inch. Characters must be in contrast to building colors.

Example:

Distance from Road or Fire Lane	Minimum Size
0-50 feet	4" Residential Only
51-100 feet	6"
101-150 feet	8"
151-200 feet	10"
201-300 feet	12"
301 feet and up	18"

Four inch (4") numbers are permitted for single-family and duplex occupancies only. The minimum size figure for commercial occupancies is six inches (6"). The height to width ratio of the figures shall be approximately 2H:1W.