



House Number Guidance for Emergency Identification

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Dear Glacier Hills Homeowners,

During the last Glacier Hills Homeowners Meeting on 14 March, 2016 there was discussion concerning having the Forest Health and Wildfire Advisory Committee (FHWAC) work with the AERC to develop a Guideline on reflective, noncombustible address markers.

Attached is the final version of the "House Number Guidance for Emergency Identification" ready for implementation on lots with houses should homeowners choose to do so.

This document captures everything we have discussed and agreed to through our last AERC meeting on 11 November 2016. Two prototype examples have been installed and pictures are attached for use with the guide.

With the final guideline now complete and prototype examples available the Forestry Health and Wildfire Advisory Committee is pleased to forward the guideline with sample pictures to homeowners.

This guideline is merely a clarification of current best practices for address markers, which are already required by the GHHOA Covenants and the county. The need for the highly reflective house number identification is a concern of the FHWAC, the Flathead County Fire Marshall, DNRC, and other first responder organizations should an emergency occur whereby a residence must be expeditiously located. The house number emergency identification markers support current best practices as recommended by The Flathead County Fire Marshall's Office, the safety of first responders, and facilitate emergency services response time by allowing first responders to expeditiously locate residences for the safety of owners and the protection of their homes.

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Attachments

- SAM_3462.JPG
- SAM_3467.JPG
- SAM_3475.JPG
- SAM_3478.JPG
- House Number Guidance High Reflectivity Final 12 30 2017.docx

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While there are no written NFPA specifications for house number signs that the Flathead County Fire Marshall is aware of, the following recommendations are strongly advised -

- 1) Only post signs on properties containing homes/structures. Do not post signs on properties that do not contain homes/structures so that the attention of emergency personnel is not diverted.
- 2) Highly reflective address markers are recommended.
- 3) Three to 4-inch tall numbers with a black background and highly reflective white numbers are recommended for uniformity of standard and optimum visibility in dark and smoky conditions.
- 4) A mounting height of 4 feet to 5 feet is recommended so that the sign is generally at eye level from the cab of a vehicle. Take into account snow accumulations when deciding on the height and setback for avoidance of snow buildup during plowing. Either a vertical post or yard-arm style is acceptable.
- 5) Both Wooden posts and metal posts are sufficient. Color of the post must be in concert with natural colors to blend in with the natural environment. eg. Black, shades of brown or green.
- 6) It is the responsibility of the home owner to maintain the area around the sign so that it is readily visible from the street and not obscured by snow/ grass/shrubs/trees, etc.
- 7) Take into account the direction that emergency service vehicles may approach properties. A property that can be approached from two directions should have a sign printed on both sides or at least oriented so it can be seen readily regardless of the service vehicles direction of approach.
- 8) The installation of this emergency/safety house number is totally at the discretion of the homeowner and may be installed in addition to address markers which are incorporated into landscaped areas. Preapproval of the emergency/safety house number is not required as long as the above guide is followed. Example pictures are attached.
- 9) A suggested source of supply to obtain these signs is www.smartsign.com. The description is 6" x 18" 911 House Number Sign(2 sided Diamond Grade Reflective Aluminum). Some applications may only require one side. Mounting brackets or yard-arm hardware may also be purchased depending on your particular application. Approximate cost is \$27.00 for the sign

1492

A photograph of a wooden post in a snowy forest. A black sign with the number 1492 is attached to the post. The background shows snow-covered ground and evergreen trees.

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A vertical wooden post stands in a snowy landscape. The top of the post is covered in a mound of snow. Attached to the post is a black, vertically oriented sign with rounded ends. The sign features the number '165' in a white, sans-serif font, with the digits stacked vertically. The background consists of a snow-covered ground and several evergreen trees, some of which are also covered in snow. The overall scene is a winter setting.

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