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CODE INTERPRETATION

QUESTION

What are the requirements for address signage for 911 purposes?

CODE REFERENCE:

2009 International Residential Code: Section R319.1

ANSWER

The code requires buildings to have plainly visible and legible address numbers posted on the building or in such a place on the property that the building may be identified by emergency services, such as fire, medical and police. The primary concern is that emergency responders should be able to locate the building quickly. The code states, "*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. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.*"

Clover policy is that the numbers must be posted on the house itself and they must contrast with the house. The numbers must be 4" minimum and must be plainly visible from the road (which may necessitate a larger address size). If the house is too far from the road, the numbers must be installed on a fixed post where the driveway intersects with the road, must be a minimum of 4" high, contrast with the background, and be visible from both directions of travel.

Building Official / Town of Clover

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