

Chapter 28

BUILDINGS, NUMBERING OF

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Henniker 5-12-1998. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction fees -- See Ch. 25.
Driveways -- See Ch. 41.

Zoning -- See Ch. 133
Land subdivision -- See Ch. 202

~ 28-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this policy is to require the clear display of the proper assigned house or building numbers. It is to assist the general public and emergency services, public or private, in identifying any property in case of an emergency, and will support the enhanced 911 system.

~ 28-2. Responsibility of owners.

It shall be the duty of every owner of a building to cause to be displayed thereon the street number of said building and at all times to maintain such number.

~ 28-3. Numbering specifications.

- A. It is required that the house or building number is posted at the start of the building process, for all new construction. It is required that every household or business have their number posted in the following manner:
 - 1. In Arabic numerals.
 - 2. A minimum height of three inches.
 - 3. Mounted in a secure fashion to the front wall or porch of the building or other fixed appurtenance on the front of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street.
 - 4. Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street.
 - 5. At least 30 inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street.
 - 6. If possible, the numbers should be placed alongside any existing lighting so as to be illuminated.
- B. If the house number is posted during the building permit process, there will be a reduction of the building permit application fee.
- C. This policy will be added to the building permit checklist and driveway permit application.
- D. House/building numbers will be assigned by the Town Office personnel only. The

Tax Lot number may not correspond with the house number.

~ 28-4. Visibility.

- A. If the numbers affixed to the front of the building are not visible from the street, an alternative is that the numbers can be upon a post, rod, mailbox or other type of fixture of substantial nature, on the same side of the street as the driveway leading to said building, so that the number may be conspicuous and visible from either direction when traveling on the road. The location should not be greater than 10 feet from the edge of the roadway. A mailbox, post or rod on the opposite side of the street that the building fronts on will not satisfy these requirements.
- B. Numbers posted should be of reflective material or of sufficient visual contrast to the background material to be easily discernible with the aid of an emergency vehicle spotlight.

~ 28-5. Fire Department connections.

All buildings with Fire Department hose connections will have a sign with the twelve-inch-high reflective letters "FDC" directly above the unobstructed connection.

~ 28-6. Multiple entrances.

Where any improvement has more than one entrance serving separate occupants, a separate number should be posted to each separate entrance serving that occupant. Apartments/condominiums should be numbered by building and apartment number (e.g., 1A, 1B or G4).

~ 28-7. Applicability.

- A. If a number has not been posted during the building permit application process, a number must be posted at the time of the final construction inspection.
- B. If emergency personnel have a difficult time responding to a residence because of lack of visibility of numbers or lack of numbers, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner to correct the situation.