

## Posting Address Number Signs and Private Road Street Name Signs – CENTRAL Fire of Santa Cruz

**Scope:** Posting address signs and private road street name signs in rural areas, non-urban areas, along roadways with large parcels/long driveways, and urban locations where homes are more than 30 feet from the street -or- where address numbers posted on structures are not visible from the street.

### ADDRESSING on STRUCTURES, DRIVEWAYS, and PRIVATE ROADWAYS:

#### 1. Every residence must have an address number posted on the building.

Minimum **4-inch numbers** and posted to be visible as we drive towards the structure.

**Color must be contrasting to the background.**

**Addresses for residential buildings shall be reflectorized.** (SRA Fire Safe Regulations)

Local Fire Districts may allow addresses posted on structures without reflectors where green reflectorized driveway signs are provided or for structures located in tracts with smaller parcels.

#### 2. Driveway access from the street – Address sign(s) shall be installed on a single post indicating the access to a driveway and shall be visible from both directions of travel on the roadway leading to your driveway.

**Visibility Test:** *Must be visible from the access roadway at a point 50-feet or more – away from the driveway access.*

-Additional signs or additional post height may be necessary to maintain visibility from both directions of travel.

-The 50-foot distance may be reduced to 25 feet where the reasonable road speed is under 20mph.

-Locate address sign posts on the same side of roadway as driveway access where possible; address signs posted across the roadway - must not confuse addressing for other driveways.

-Separated from mailboxes with multiple addresses.

**-Green color sign with white reflective 4-inch numbers**

-Where the driveway serves more than one address – each address number must be placed in sequence on a single-post, or each number included on one larger sign.

-Vertical address signs are limited to driveways servicing one residence.

-Address signs must be visible and not obstructed, including trash cans and parked cars; address signs are typically 5-7 feet above the roadway surface.

-The State Standard is for a metal post – but local fire districts may allow a 4x4 wood treated post.



#### 3. Driveway turn-offs and gates – Additional green address signs with white reflective numbers shall be posted:

-At each driveway turn-off and positioned to indicate the correct access route.

-Arrows may be included where the signpost is not positioned to clearly indicate the correct access.

-At each gate - addresses posted for all homes located beyond the gate – and positioned to be visible when the gate is open or closed.

#### 4. Long access driveways or other challenging access concerns – Provide a brown access information sign

(approved by your Fire District) with details such as distance in feet or miles to a turn-around and distance to the home or structures.



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### PRIVATE ROAD – STREET SIGNS:

#### Green sign with white reflective 4-inch letters –

- Must be on a metal post and visible from 100 feet from the turn-off.
- Must be visible from each direction of travel
- Must be 5 to 7 feet above the road surface (positioned to avoid a person striking the sign as they walk by)
- An arrow is optional unless needed for clarification

Example - <https://www.safetysign.com/products/13138/street-name-sign-with-arrow?s=sd3zsk1q1r zgpmfyzbpfj>

Flat Blade Sign with Directional Arrow



Size: 24 x 6"

### PRIVATE ROAD – ROADWAY SAFETY REFLECTORS and PULL-OUT AREAS.

Color coded reflectors may be posted along the roadside for safety and for indicating designated pull-out passing areas.

**White and Red** color roadside reflectors – Marking challenging portions of the road and red indicating danger/caution.

**Yellow and Orange** color roadside reflectors – designated pull-out areas for passing and designated fire apparatus parking for specific addresses.

**Blue** reflectors are reserved for marking fire water and wharf hydrant connections.

**Green** reflectors are reserved for addressing.