



City of Grand Prairie Fire Department Code Regulations

Building Address Marking

Addresses are assigned by the City of Grand Prairie, and the assigned address must be marked in accordance with the Grand Prairie Fire Code, which references an amended 2021 *International Fire Code* (IFC).

Address numbers shall be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property on all buildings.

Numbers and letters, if applicable, shall be of highly contrasting colors to the background surface they are mounted on, and be clearly visible from the adjacent street or streets.

The recommended size of the numbers and/or letters are determined by the distance from the facing street curb to the building as follows:

Distance from Street Curb (feet)	Character Height (inches)	Character Stroke Width (inches)
0 to 50	4	½
51 to 100	6	¾
101 to 150	8	1
151 and over	12	2

All multiple-occupancy business, commercial, or industrial structures shall also display address and/or suite numbers and/or letters on the outside of all rear doors.

Apartment Complexes

All apartment complex building units and all apartment units shall be identified by their appropriate numbers and/or letters. The numbers and/or letters of the building units shall be of highly contrasting colors to the background surface on which they are mounted and located so as to be clearly visible from the adjacent street or streets.

The building unit numbers and/or letters shall measure twelve (12) inches in height with a two (2) inch stroke. The lowest and highest identification numbers and/or letters for the individual apartment units in that building unit shall be mounted directly under the building unit numbers and/or letters and shall measure five (5) inches high with a three-quarter-inch stroke.

Individual apartment units shall have the appropriate apartment unit numbers and/or letters on or over the main entrance of each apartment and such apartment unit numbers and/or letters shall not be less than three (3) inches in height.

Building units having public or private streets on more than one side shall have the building unit identification numbers and/or letters on every side that faces streets.

The fire department shall approve the location of the building unit numbers and/or letters on each building in the apartment complex as part of the permitted construction plans.

All apartment complexes shall provide a site plan to the fire department showing the location of all the building units of the apartment complex along with the building units' appropriate numbers and/or letters and the numbers and/or letters of the specific apartment units in each building unit.

Residential Structures

Every single-family or duplex residential dwelling shall have address numbers displayed on the front of the building, readily visible from the street off of which it is addressed. It is strongly recommended that these numbers be illuminated by the porch light when it is on.

The numbers and/or letters shall be at least three (3) inches in height with a one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch stroke and a three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch space between the numbers and/or letters, highly contrasting to the background which extends three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of an inch in all direction on all sides of the numbers and/or letters.

Additional markings in other locations can facilitate faster identification for emergency responders, these may include:

- Entrance driveway curb
- Mailbox

Residential buildings which front on a street without a curb and which have no plainly visible mailbox shall post a sign adjacent to the driveway or on the house, displaying the numbers and/or letters.

Residences with a rear entrance off an alley shall have numbers and/or letters at the rear entrance on a fence, sign, or the residence, clearly and visible from the alley.

The front and rear numbering requirements of this section shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner, agent, manager, or occupant of each business, commercial, industrial, apartment complex, and residential structure.