

Fullerton Fire Department Standard #23-02
Premises Identification



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PURPOSE

The intent of this standard is to provide the requirements for premises identification. Proper identification of buildings and streets are essential for first responders to be able to report quickly and accurately to the scene. In addition to existing buildings, premises identification is important for buildings about to be constructed in new developments, as well as facilities with unusual or problematic configurations, such as college or hospital campuses, strip malls, business parks, and apartment or condominium complexes. The following requirements will ensure that the minimum measures required by to provide for fire department access and public safety in accordance with Chapter 5 of the 2022 California Fire Code (CFC), the 2022 California Building Code (CBC), and locally adopted ordinances enforced by the Fullerton Fire Department.

SCOPE

This guideline provides the Fullerton Fire Department's requirements for premises identification, specifically address identification and street or road signs, within the City of Fullerton.

ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - CFC 505.1

1. Where required

- On all new and existing buildings.
- On the backs of buildings that face alleys or roads.
- On the road or driveway giving access to a building that cannot be viewed from the public way.

2. Positioning

- Characters shall be visible from the street or road fronting the property.
- Numbers shall plainly be visible from the corresponding street.
- If the number does not face the street to which it belongs, the number and the street name shall be placed on the building.
- Address numbers shall be placed in such a manner as to be visible for approaching fire apparatus from both directions
- Address numbers or letters inside recessed portions of the building is not allowed.
- Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole, or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

3. Character specifications

- Characters shall be legible.
- Characters shall contrast with their background.
- Numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters.
- Numbers shall not be spelled out.
- Each character shall be not less than 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch.

4. Additional considerations

- Address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response based on the discretion of the fire code official.

5. Address identification shall be maintained.

STREET OR ROAD SIGN REQUIREMENTS - CFC 505.2

1. Streets and roads shall be identified with approved signs.

2. Temporary signs

- Signs shall be installed at each street intersection when construction of new roadways allows passage by vehicles.
- Signs shall be installed prior to the beginning of construction in new developments.
- Signs shall be of an approved size per the fire code official.
- Signs shall be weather resistant.
- Signs shall be maintained until replaced by permanent signs.