

**ADDRESSING STANDARDS
FOR
LEMHI COUNTY**

APPROVED

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**Lemhi County
Commissioners**

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Enhanced E-9-1-1 Addressing Program is to provide a comprehensive and uniform system of permanent addresses for all residences and businesses throughout Lemhi County and;

- To provide effective and efficient information to emergency responders and facilitate adequate public safety.
- To link each telephone number to an address that clearly identifies where the phone call is coming from.
- To be in compliance with the U. S. Postal Service and provide mailing addresses.

Life and death emergencies are measured in seconds. Accurate address information can mean precious seconds when life and property are at stake.

GENERAL RULES FOR ADDRESSING:

We assign physical addresses for new construction and will assign temporary addresses for recreational vehicles for a period of 6 months. We do not address bare property.

ADDRESSES:

1. If an access permit is required it must be approved prior to assigning an address.
2. Once a request has been submitted and approved, we will assign an address within (5) working days.
3. Addresses are based on the distance of the road.
 - a. There are 100 addresses per mile;
 - i. 50 even numbers on the left
 - ii. 50 odd numbers on the right

ROAD NAMES:

Any right-of-way with two or more residential or business structures will be assigned an E-911 road name, regardless of whether it is private or public.

1. All affected owners may submit a road name for our consideration.

2. Our office can provide a printed list of current road names upon request. Current road names are also available on our website, <http://lemhicountyidaho.org/Bldg%20Dept.htm>
3. No duplicate or similar road names will be allowed.
4. Be as creative as possible when thinking of road names.
5. Submit at least 3 choices.
6. Once a request has been submitted, we will review it and determine if the name meets our standards. "We reserve the right to reject any requested road name"
7. If you cannot come up with a road name, our office will assign one.

INFORMATION:

1. **IRC 2015 BUILDING CODE-R.319.1 Address identification:** Buildings shall be provided with *approved* address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102mm) in height with a stroke width of not less than 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional *approved* locations to facilitate emergency response. 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. Address identification shall be maintained.
2. Address posting on a mailbox is not adequate for emergency responders when they are grouped together or placed across the street from the dwelling.
3. Changes to existing addresses may need to be made when it is discovered that the address does not follow our addressing standards, or when the Post Office, telephone and/or utility companies, or other affected parties identify problems. Or if a new structure is built and will use the same access as an existing structure, the existing structure will need to be readdressed accordingly.

IMPORTANCE OF E-911 ADDRESSING:

1. When dialing 911 a property number and road name will be displayed on a computer screen at the dispatch station, (PSAP, Public Safety Answering Point). Because an E-911 address identifies the physical location of a caller the emergency responders (EMS, Fire, and the Sheriff) can locate the caller much easier and quicker in an emergency, saving precious time and often lives.
2. Utility companies will be able to better locate a structure in case of trouble.
3. Business and homeowners will receive faster and more reliable deliveries by UPS, FedEx, and other delivery services, because those services require a street address for deliveries.