

*A Public Service
Announcement
From your 9-1-1
Division
Of
Emergency Services.*

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*Your
numbers
count!*

*The way you display your house
Or business address numbers
May make the difference
between
Life or death!*

*An informational brochure
on proper number display
presented by
Jessamine County E- 9-1-1
Emergency Services*



A Woman waits, heart pounding, trying to revive her husband who has fallen on the floor with chest pains. She is sure he is having a heart attack, he is barely breathing. She can hear the wailing of the siren, but it seems to be taking forever to reach her. Why? Why don't they hurry?!

At the same time down the street, a frustrated ambulance driver slows his vehicle to locate the house numbers of the caller, uncertain where the emergency is, knowing that every second could mean life or death for the man with the chest pains, but unable to find the home because house numbers are not posted or not visible.

A dramatization, Perhaps! But every day emergency vehicles and other service providers must find addresses in Nicholasville, Wilmore, and Jessamine County. In many neighborhoods the numbering on homes or businesses is either poorly placed, inconsistent or non-existent. This brochure details what you need to do to help us find your home or business if you call us for help!

SO WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR NUMBER PLACEMENT?

- The number should be at least three feet above street level.
- Curbside display (for example, on a mailbox) should be visible on both sides so traffic in both directions can see it.
- Numbers should be visible from the street. Obstructions should be removed and numbers should be large enough to show clearly at a distance. Three inches is the minimum height authorized for these numbers.
- Use reflective numbers whenever possible for maximum visibility at night.
- Numbers must be numerical, not script - for instance, 425, ***NOT*** *Four Twenty Five*.
- The background for the numbers should be contrasting so the numbers can be seen clearly; for example, black numbers on a white background. Brass numbers are ***NOT*** recommended because they age poorly and are difficult to read.
- Numbers placed near or above the main entrance are preferred.

When placing numbers, consider how visible they will be in every season, and from each direction.

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May mean the difference between
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SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

Do ***not*** place numbers on curb. Leaves, snow, and vehicles easily hide curb numbers.

Do ***NOT*** place numbers behind shrubs, trees, or awnings.

Curbside number placement may be required when structures are hidden from view or set back from the road. When a mailbox is unavailable, a simple lamppost or decorative pole with numbers attached will allow easy identification of secluded or hidden structures.

Numbers must be a minimum of three feet above street level and legible from both directions.

Small, short metal or concrete curbside number holders are ***NOT*** sufficient alone. But they are excellent supplements to numbers placed on structures.

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES

Numbers should be placed at every entrance if it is an apartment or multi-entrance complex. If the complex has more than one address, each needs to be clearly displayed in the sections affected.

Structures with multiple units should have the range of units displayed at the entrance to those units.

FINES: If you receive a notice stating that you are in violation of the above outlined requirements, you will have 30 days to correct the problem. If you do not do so, the fine is not less than \$10.00 per day, per violation for every day you are not in compliance.