

## Section 9. Displaying Address Numbers

Structures in cities are much easier to mark than those in rural areas where the structures are often obscured by trees or are so far off the road as to not be visible. To ensure that all house numbers are visible, it may be necessary to make special provisions for posting numbers in rural areas. Listed below are the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board's standards for displaying address numbers:

- (a) Address numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches high, 2-1/2 inches wide and reflective.
- (b) A number shall be placed on the front of every addressed structure.
- (c) Mailboxes shall be marked with the house number. Where mailboxes are not in front of the house or structure to be marked, a number shall be displayed on the structure, if it is visible from the road.
- (d) If the structure is not visible and no mailbox is beside the driveway leading to the structure, a sign or number post shall be erected to display the number. This sign or number post could display the number either vertically (from the top) or horizontally (from the left).
- (e) Shared driveways shall be marked both at the beginning of the driveway and where the driveway splits to each specific structure.
- (f) In Vermont, it is very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during an average winter.

## Section 10. Readdressing

It is much easier to complete a measured readdressing project if road naming activities are completed BEFORE house numbering begins. During the road renaming and renumbering process, the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board recommends that the municipal governing body declare a moratorium on road name changes until the addressing conversion process is complete. (see Appendix D)

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